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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TELNO 55 OF 8 FEBRUARY 1972
FOLLOWING FROM PARSONS.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1 FEBRUARY.

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THAT WE ACCEPT YOUR VIEW ON SIILASVUO AND THAT
I HAD ALREADY CONCLUDED THAT I SHOULD NOT DETACH MYSELF TO PARLEY
WITH ARABS WHILE THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS IN ISRAEL OR IMMEDIATELY
AFTER HE LEAVES.

2. I AM STRUGGLING WITH MY ITINERARY. SASSON HAS PASSED ME A
MESSAGE THROUGH RUPPIN ASKING THAT I SHOULD STAY ON AFTER THE
SECRETARY OF STATE LEAVES FOR TALKS ON ARAB AFFAIRS. I HAVE
SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS ON FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
SECRETARY OF STATE'S DEPARTURE. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT I COULD NOT
CROSS THE BRIDGE THAT DAY EVEN IF WE AGREED THAT IT WAS
POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR ME TO DO SO. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I SHALL
HAVE TO GO VIA ATHENS.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. I submit a draft reply (as from myself) to Tel Aviv telegram No 83. This is, I hope, self-explanatory.

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P.P. M Laver
Near Eastern Department

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(with att) Mr Parsons

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

50 1. We have been in touch with the Private Office about the points in Tel Aviv telegram No 83. It would be quite normal for the Secretary of State to meet the press at Lod and to make a brief statement. He could fend off questions by saying that he would be having a press conference later during his visit.

48 2. As I told you in paragraph 3 of my letter (NER 3/548/2) of 4 February, the Private Office are doubtful whether the Secretary of State would be able to get away from London before about 1.30 pm ; it therefore seems unlikely that he would be able to travel by the BOAC flight on 21 March. But the Private Office have undertaken to consult the Secretary of State on this point immediately after his return.

3. The Private Office agree (paragraph 3 of your telegram) that there is no need for the Israelis to invite the Commonwealth Ambassadors to come to the airport and that it would be appropriate to ask them to the Israel and Commonwealth Society lunch but not to the dinners.

4. The Private Office have noted that the Secretary of State will be expected to spend fifteen minutes with President Shazar (paragraph 4). They likewise see no objection to talks being held in Jerusalem on 23 March followed by the Israel and Commonwealth Society Luncheon and a press conference. (The Private Office will be writing to you, probably after the Secretary of State's return to this country, about sight-seeing).

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Copies to : J M O Snodgrass, Jerusalem
Mr Alexander, Private Office

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Mr. Parsons: We have telegraphed to Jerusalem agreeing with paragraph 5 below. You may now want to reply directly to Mr. Barnes on the other points in this letter.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
TEL AVIV.

1st February, 1972

Dear Parsons, W.P. 10 (n.d) 7/2 Mr. Lyfe. Re spoke.
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May I deal simultaneously with your movements during and after the Secretary of State's visit, to which your letter of January 21st refers, and possible meetings with Arabs, which John Snodgrass mentioned in his letter of January 24th?

I agree that it would be inappropriate for the Secretary of State to meet Arabs from the West Bank during his visit as the Israel Government's guest, and in any case there is unlikely to be much time.

There will not really be much time for you to do it either. I wonder too if it is a good idea for you to detach yourself to parley with Arabs, if you are then also going to visit Arab countries.

I note that you propose to talk to the Israelis in London about your own plans. If you want to cross the Bridge, we shall also have to make arrangements here at some stage. The Bridge is only open until 12 noon on Fridays and this would mean detaching yourself from the Secretary of State's visit before it ended. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know what you would like to do.

I do not think it would be right for the Secretary of State to call on General Siilasvuo during his official visit to Israel. Apart from the political geography, there is not much time and frankly I do not think that Siilasvuo rates it. But I would gladly include him in our cocktail party and I could suggest that the Israelis try

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to find room for him in one of their parties.

I am sending a copy of this letter to
John Snodgrass.

*Yours very
John Barnes*
(E.J.W. Barnes)

M.O.D.B.
Mr Alexander
Assistant Private Secretary
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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISITS TO MADRID AND TEL AVIV

1. In case it were decided that the Secretary of State ought not to travel, as at present planned, by scheduled services, you asked me to find out whether an RAF aircraft or the HS 125 would be available for the above visits. I have spoken to the MOD and the DTI and the position is as follows:

2. MADRID (Party numbers 14 at present)

[Sun 27 Feb 1515 dep London
BE 162 1815 arr Madrid
Wed 1 Mar 0955 dep Madrid
1050 arr London]

Madrid time = GMT + 1

- a. A Comet is not available but the RAF could provide an Andover at an approximate cost of £1500 (as against £1256 by scheduled service). The flying time is 4 hours. (14-15 passengers with boxes, etc and baggage would be about the limit.)
- b. The CAFU HS 125 is available. Flying time is 2 hrs 20 mins (a more precise time will be given if we decide to use it, but it is not likely to differ by more than about 5 mins.).

We would suggest having the HS 125 and arranging, if possible, for it to arrive at Madrid about half-an-hour after the arrival of those travelling BEA so that the party could join up at the airport.

3. TEL AVIV (Party numbers 13 at present)

[Tues 21 Mar 1345 dep London
BE 482 1910 arr Tel Aviv
Fri 24 Mar 0925 dep Tel Aviv
BE 483 1210 arr London]

Tel Aviv time = GMT + 2

(NB London will be GMT + 1 w/e 19 March)

- a. A Comet would be available at an approximate cost of £5000 (as against £3066 by scheduled service) and the non-stop flying time is 6 hours in each direction. (A refuelling stop would be necessary should more passengers travel.)
- b. For the HS 125, also available, the overall flying time would be 7½ hours for the outward journey and approx. 8½ hours for the return

(prevailing head wind). There would be one technical stop - this is usually, but not necessarily, at Brindisi. But if the party were prepared to eat during the flight rather than have a meal laid on for them at say, Brindisi, the aircraft could then come down wherever was most convenient depending on weather conditions, the stop cut to about an hour and about half-an-hour saved on the flight time.

4. Since the HS 125 would take so much longer (and only a few members of the party could travel on it), it would clearly be better, subject to No. 10's approval, to use the Comet, which takes only about 1½ hours longer than the scheduled service (Trident).

5. Because of pressure of commitments, the MCP have asked us to let them know as soon as possible what if anything we shall require, and as a matter of courtesy we should like also to let BIA now of any changes in the Tel Aviv arrangements because they are reconfiguring an aircraft for us for the outward journey on 21 March.

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TO ROUTINE FCO TEL NO 88 OF 9.2.72 ROUTINE INFO SAVING TO
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MY TELEGRAM NO 83 YOUR VISIT.

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I HAVE BEEN THINKING A BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR PROGRAMME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD. THE PRESS WILL OBVIOUSLY WANT TO FOCUS ON YOUR VISIT AND WE HAVE ALREADY HAD REQUESTS FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO INTERVIEWS. I AM AFRAID WE MUST EXPECT THE PHOTOGRAPHERS TO BE LOOKING FOR GIMMICKS, ESPECIALLY WITH YOUR CAMEL IN THEIR MINDS. WE DO NOT WANT PHOTOGRAPHY TO BE CONCENTRATED ON THE WAILING WALL IF WE CAN AVOID IT. I THEREFORE WONDER WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO SEE IF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER YOU AN HONORARY DEGREE WHICH COULD BE CONFERRED DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE THURSDAY MORNING INSTEAD OF FILLING IN TIME WITH SIGHT-SEEING. THIS MIGHT GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN ACADEMIC DRESS. I AM AFRAID IT WOULD PROBABLY MEAN ANOTHER SPEECH. THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND HIS WIFE ARE ENGLISH BY ORIGIN AND WE WERE PLANNING TO INVITE THEM TO YOUR DINNER IN ANY CASE.

2. AN ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE FOR YOU TO PLANT A TREE. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE OUTSIDE JERUSALEM BUT THERE WOULD BE TIME TO DRIVE TO THE JUDAEO HILLS. HOWEVER TREE PLANTING TENDS TO HAVE NATIONALISTIC OVERTONES HERE AND I THINK AN HONORARY DEGREE WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA.

3. IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO FIND TIME FOR YOU TO GIVE A TELEVISION OR NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW. BUT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS IN PRINCIPLE, IF IT CAN BE MANAGED, OR IF YOU WOULD RATHER AVOID IT.

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TO PRIORITY FCO TEL NO 91 OF 9 FEBRUARY 197 INFO JERUSALEM.

MY TELEGRAM NO' 83: YOUR VISIT.

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LOURIE HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ISRAEL/COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE ANGLO/ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THAT THEY NOW PLAN TO HOLD THEIR LUNCHEON IN THE KNESSET BUILDING. I HOPE THIS IS ACCEPTABLE. BACKGROUND IS IN LETTER TO EVANS BY TODAY'S CONFIDENTIAL BAG.

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TO IMMEDIATE BANGKOK TELEGRAM NUMBER 246 OF 9 FEBRUARY
FOLLOWING FOR GRAHAM FROM ALEXANDER

1. I AM REPEATING TO YOU TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NO 88. 56
2. THE DEPARTMENT ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT HM AMBASSADOR'S
SUGGESTIONS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MIGHT RECEIVE AN
HONORARY DEGREE FROM THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OR PLANT A TREE
OUTSIDE JERUSALEM.
3. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WOULD INVOLVE THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN
AN ADDITIONAL SPEECH AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE CEREMONY
COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH A DECENT DEGREE OF DIGNITY IN THE
RELATIVELY SHORT TIME BETWEEN THE END OF TALKS WITH MR EBAN AND
THE ISRAEL/COMMONWEALTH LUNCH.
4. TREE PLANTING WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE MISINTERPRETED IN THE
ARAB WORLD AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE AVOIDED.
5. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE END
OF TALKS AND LUNCH MIGHT BE FILLED BY BRINGING FORWARD THE PRESS
CONFERENCE NOW RE-SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH (CF
LAVER'S LETTER TO FOSTER OF 8 FEBRUARY WHICH SHOULD BY NOW HAVE
REACHED YOU). THE WHOLE AFTERNOON OF 23 MARCH COULD THEN BE LEFT
FREE FOR SIGHT-SEEING OUTSIDE JERUSALEM IF NECESSARY. 53
6. THE DEPARTMENT HAVE NO STRONG VIEWS ABOUT A TELEVISION OR
NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW BUT POINT OUT THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
PROGRAMME IS ALREADY FAIRLY FULL.
7. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS BY TELEGRAM.

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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 277 OF 11/2/72.

FOLLOWING FOR ALEXANDER FROM GRAHAM.
YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS 245 AND 246

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE THINKS THAT THE VISIT TO THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IS A POSSIBILITY. BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE PAPERS WITH US AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT EXACTLY THE DEGREE CEREMONY WOULD INVOLVE OR HOW THE MORNING'S PROGRAMME WOULD WORK OUT.

2. I THINK THE NEXT STAGE IS TO WORK OUT A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR THE MORNING, IF NECESSARY CONSULTING TEL AVIV, BUT WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO THE PLAN.

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Date 11 February 1972

VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

1. As you know the Secretary of State is now in the Far East and will not be back in the Office until 21 February. The Private Office have however consulted him by telegram on the suggestions in tel Aviv telegram no 88. (56)
2. The Secretary of State has now replied. He does not exclude the idea of an award of an honorary degree by the Hebrew University but, before coming to a firm decision, would like to know more about what the ceremony might involve and how you envisage that his programme for the morning of 23 March would work out if such a ceremony were included. (Would there be sufficient time to hold such a ceremony - which would presumably include several speeches - between the conclusion of the talks with Mr Eban and the Israel and Commonwealth Society/Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Knesset?) There is a marked lack of enthusiasm for the idea of tree-planting.
3. The Secretary of State has not commented on paragraph 3 of the Tel Aviv telegram under reference; the Private Office suggest that this question might best be left open until the Secretary of State's return.

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Dear Richard, later

You are no doubt already thinking about briefs for the Secretary of State's visit.

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Could you please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be wanting us to prepare anything here? I shall try to produce a despatch or telegram to set the scene shortly before the visit.

I am not sure that we need such comprehensive briefing as was magnificently provided for Mr. Eban's visit to London. But there should obviously be a general brief on the Arab/Israel question. The other major topics seem to be the effects of European integration on our relations with Israel, both political and economic, and probably Leylands. We should also have briefs on other subjects which Mr. Eban raised in London such as the generalized preferences scheme and sales of Israel bonds in England. We should be prepared to talk about arms supplies, including small submarines for Israel and our arms deals with the Arab States, against the background of Soviet supplies to Egypt.

All these thoughts, and no doubt more, have probably occurred to you. I shall try and find out a little later what Israeli intentions are.

I take it that the main speech for the luncheon will be drafted in London. But I hope that we may have a sight of the draft as far ahead of time as possible.

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Dear Patrick,

(48) I am glad to see from your letter of February 4th and your telegram No. 4 to (49) Jerusalem that you agree broadly with the views expressed in my letter of February 1st to Tony Parsons about dealings with Arabs during the Secretary of State's visit to Israel. I note that I am to receive another letter on this subject, but it has not yet come.

Meanwhile, I have put to the Israelis the idea that they should include General Siilasvuo in one of their parties.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Snodgrass.

Yours ever
John Barnes
✓ E.J.W. Barnes

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As I have just seen your tel. No. 55. 1
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Dear Richard,

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In my telegram No. 83 about the Secretary of State's visit, I should perhaps have explained more fully that the Belgian, German and Italian Foreign Ministers gave their return dinners to Mr. Eban in Jerusalem. The Israelis were therefore inclined to be critical of us for wanting to do it in Tel Aviv. They had similar dark thoughts about our proposed cocktail party.

I pointed out that the Americans had arranged for Mr. Rogers to give his dinner at their Embassy in Herzlia, although I believe that the dinner was in fact cancelled because the Ambassador was ill. Lourie did not therefore press the point and thought that honour would be satisfied if the public luncheon took place in Jerusalem. He is trying to arrange this with the organisers. Since this is an Israeli affair, I do not think we could object. Nor do I think that we should want to do so. In fact it will probably fit into the programme better than a luncheon in Tel Aviv. The only doubt is whether so many people will be prepared to drive up the hill. But I suspect that in order to see and hear the Secretary of State they will do so, and this is in any case a matter for the organisers rather than for us.

I think it would certainly be a mistake to move the Secretary of State's dinner out of our house. We ought to entertain Mr. Eban on British territory and it is our normal practice all over the world to give such parties at the Embassy. I hope too that we could provide a better dinner in our own house than at a kosher hotel.

Richard Evans, Esq.

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All this is also a reason for holding the cocktail party in our house. If we were to have it in an hotel, the Israelis would undoubtedly want us to use an hotel in Jerusalem rather than in Tel Aviv.

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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 279 OF 12/2/72.

FOLLOWING FOR ALEXANDER FROM GRAHAM.

MY TELEGRAM NO 277-~~59~~

VISIT TO ISRAEL.

ON FURTHER REFLECTION THE SECRETARY OF STATE THINKS THAT THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH ON AND IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO PURSUE THE IDEA OF THE HONORARY DEGREE. IN ANY EVENT WE CAN LOOK AT THE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE ON RETURN AND TAKE A DEFINITE DECISION THEN

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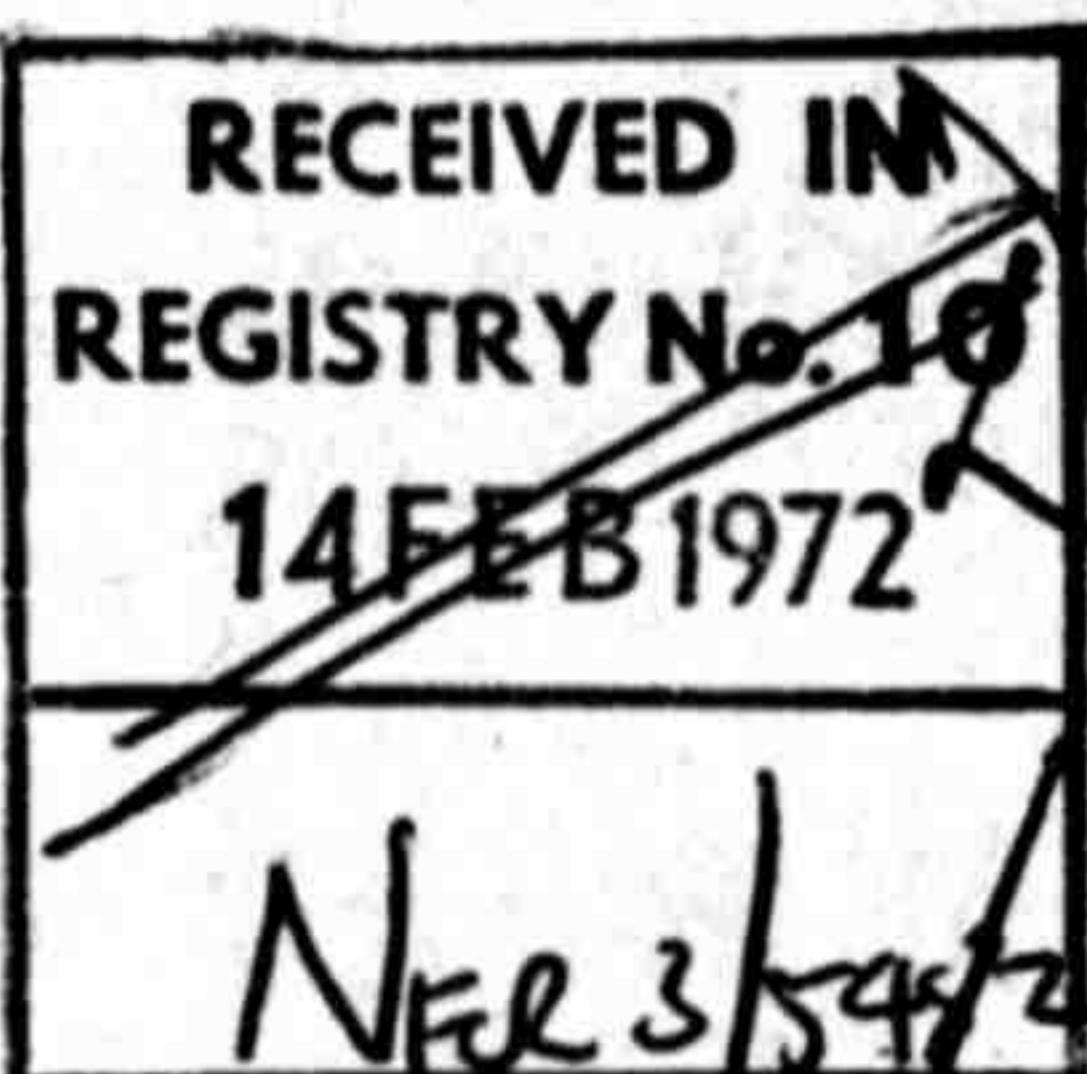
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M. Lourie

7th February, 1972

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Thank you for your letter of January 28th about the Secretary of State's dinner party here next month.

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I will certainly try with Dayan, although I can promise nothing, and failing him with Sapir or Peres.

Arthur Lourie is not only an ex-Ambassador at London, who accompanied Mr. Eban to London last year. He is also the senior official in charge of our affairs in the Foreign Ministry. I do not think therefore that there is anything outré in asking him and not Remez, who is in charge of ports, or Elath, whose official connexions are now pretty tenuous.

The Chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce would be a bit of a fish out of water in high political company and his wife is extremely kosher and will not eat in a Gentile establishment. But if he is to be joint host at the luncheon, I think we shall have to ask them.

I agree that we must try and fit in the Archbishop, though not quite for the reason you suggest.

I am hopeful that we shall have a table for twenty-four by the time the visit comes and we shall try to build up a reasonable party on the basis of our letters.

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John Barnes

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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TEL NO 62 OF 12/2.

FOLLOWING FROM NEAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT. (60)

PIKE'S LETTER TO FOSTER OF 11 FEBRUARY: SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT
TO ISRAEL.

1. THE PRIVATE OFFICE HAVE TODAY RECEIVED A FURTHER TELEGRAM FROM BANGKOK INFORMING THEM THAT, ON REFLECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE THINKS THAT THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH ON ON THE MORNING OF 23 MARCH AND THAT IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO PURSUE THE IDEA OF THE AWARD OF AN HONORARY DEGREE ON 23 MARCH.
2. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH MR EBAN AND THE ISRAEL/ COMMONWEALTH LUNCH MIGHT BEST BE FILLED BY SIGHT-SEEING IN THE JERUSALEM AREA.
3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE CONSIDERING THE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE ON HIS RETURN AND WE SHALL LET YOU HAVE A DECISION ON THIS AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING POINTS AT THAT STAGE.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT: 21-24 MARCH 1972

1. With the programme for the visit becoming clearer, we need now to be getting on with the nuts and bolts administrative arrangements, and I am therefore writing to ask for your help and guidance over various requirements before we begin drafting the Administrative Plan.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

Attached is a list (as at present known) of those accompanying the Secretary of State, from which you will see that the party differs from that given in paragraph 2 of FCO telegram 14 in the following respects:

- (a) Miles Hudson has been added;
- (b) there will be no member of Near Eastern Department; and
- (c) the Embassy communications staff is being reinforced by two - M. Montgomery (CBO 2) from Nicosia, and P. J. Gamble (CBO 6) from here.

Nicosia will probably have been in touch with you by now over arrangements for Mr Montgomery. Unless Mr Gamble is required earlier, we shall plan on his travelling out with the rest of the party on 21 March, and it would be helpful if his duties could be so arranged that he is able also to return with them (see paragraph 3).

3. TRAVEL

Since the BEA bookings were made (FCO telegram 50 of 1 February), Special Branch have recommended that the Secretary of State should not travel by scheduled services on visits abroad and, although a decision has yet to be taken, it seems probable that he will now be using an RAF Comet for his Tel Aviv trip. We would hope to keep more-or-less



to the same timetable, but we shall of course let you know the new arrangements as soon as we can.

4. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

- (a) We see from your telegram 39 of 18 January that the Secretary of State, Lady Douglas-Home, the Private Secretary and one detective were expected to be staying at the Residence and take it that there has been no change in this arrangement.
- (b) If this has not already been done, we should be grateful if the Embassy could book accommodation for the rest of the party (except the CBOs) at a suitable hotel, if possible within convenient reach of the Residence. (John Leahy will require a suite, please). If the hotel had to be some distance away, it might mean splitting the party and putting, say, the Private Office girls and the second detective somewhere nearer. We should be grateful for your advice on this.
- (c) We have heard that the Israelis will be paying the cost of hotel accommodation and, if this is so, we should be glad to know whether all expenses (e.g. also meals, laundry, etc.) would be paid, or only bed and breakfast. If the Israelis are not footing the hotel bills, may we know please the cost of the rooms, including bed and breakfast.
- (d) For working shift hours and for being on call, it would be more convenient for Messrs. Montgomery and Gamble (for whom H.M.G. will be paying) if they could be accommodated within easy reach of Chancery, and we should be grateful if reservations could be made for them at a suitable hotel nearby, (and again we would need to know the cost of their rooms).

5. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

- (a) The Private Office should, if at all possible, be set up in the Residence - will there be room?
- (b) John Leahy and Miss Noble will work from his hotel suite.

6. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Typewriters for the three P.A.s and a photo-copying machine for the Private Office will be required, as well as the usual stationery and items of office equipment. Presumably the typewriters and stationery can be provided from Embassy resources, but if there is any difficulty over a photo-copier, we might have to consider hiring locally (it

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rather depends on the distance between Chancery and Residence) - in which case, would you please let us know what it would be likely to cost. (The P.A.s will bring with them any items of special stationery, etc., that they are likely to need).

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Telegrams. With the Secretary of State remaining in charge of the Office, a 24-hour cypher watch will be necessary during the visit, but this will presumably present no difficulties now that additional staff are coming out.
- (b) Telephones. Similarly, the Chancery switchboard will need to be manned on a 24-hour basis. As regards actual telephone requirements, will it be possible to arrange for a direct line from the switchboard to a Plan-7 in the Private Office in the Residence which can be switched through to the Private Secretary's bedroom at night?

8. SECURITY

- (a) Private Office. The security arrangements for this will depend to a large extent on where the Residence is situated, vis-à-vis the Chancery. If the buildings are reasonably close together, classified papers, etc. could be deposited in Chancery for safe-keeping overnight, and a guard would be required to cover the Private Office only when required to do so (e.g. at mealtimes) and someone (not necessarily a security guard) would also have to collect the boxes from the Residence last thing at night and return them early the following morning. But if the Chancery is a long way off, then papers would probably have to be kept overnight in the Private Office and a guard would be necessary. In either case, a combination lock security cupboard (and perhaps two) will be required for the Private Office - would the Embassy be able to provide?
- (b) It will be necessary to have a regular safe-hand service for telegrams, etc. between Chancery and the Residence, and we shall be asking Security Department to send out boxes and keys for this.
- (c) Staff. Will the Embassy staff be able to manage the extra guard duties and the safe-hand service, etc. on their own, or will you require help? And will any extra FTMS be required?

9. TRANSPORT

We shall need to provide cars for the following:

- (a) Secretary of State
- (b) Lady Douglas-Home (for separate engagements)



- (c) Private Secretaries
- (d) Mr Leahy
- (e) Pool
- (f) Safe-hand service (including boxes on arrival and departure)
- (g) Baggage wagon for arrival and departure.

We shall have to hire locally if it is not possible for all these to be provided from Embassy resources - in which case, may we know what the hire charges are likely to be.

10. CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

It would be useful to know what the weather is likely to be towards the end of March, and what sort of clothes people should bring, and it would also be helpful to know in good time whether the dinners will be black- or white-tie affairs.

11. OFFICIAL ENTERTAINING

- (a) We hope that it will be possible for the Embassy to provide (on repayment) a small amount of duty-free drink and cigarettes for official press entertaining.
- (b) You will already be aware from FCO telegram 31 that the Private Office will send out a supply of invitation cards, if the dinner for Mr Eban is to be given in the Secretary of State's name. In this context, the Ambassador may like to know that, on such occasions, it is possible (on application to the Head of Personnel Services Department) to get an ad hoc addition to frais.

12. NEWSPAPERS

We shall be making the usual arrangements for the Secretary of State and John Leahy to receive full sets of the U.K. daily papers during the visit, but before approaching the C.O.I. (and setting in train a costly exercise) we should be glad to know which U.K. newspapers are available in Tel Aviv and at what time of day they arrive. And, in addition to the usual ones, is it possible to get The Scotsman?

13. GIFTS

If it is decided that there is to be an exchange of official gifts, it would be very helpful if we could have your suggestions for what would be suitable as soon as possible, as it takes quite a time to shop around.

14. When arrangements become clearer, could we please have a note of the address of the Residence and the addresses and telephone numbers of the hotels we shall be using.

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15. I am afraid that the above is rather a formidable list, but, as time is getting on, we should be grateful for an early reply (if necessary by telegram, particularly if extra staff are involved) so that we can get the Administrative Plan out as soon as possible.

Enc.

N Orpe (Miss)
Conference Section
Protocol & Conference Dept

c.c. Near Eastern Department—
Communications Department
Security Department

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1. The Rt. Hon. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, KT, MP Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
2. Lady Douglas-Home
3. Mr J. A. N. Graham Private Secretary
4. Assistant Private Secretary
5. Mr M. M. L. Hudson Political Secretary
6. Personal Assistant
7. Personal Assistant
8. Detective
9. Detective
10. Mr A. D. Parsons, CMG, MVO, MC Assistant Under-Secretary of State
11. Mr J. H. G. Leahy Head of News Department
12. Miss P. A. Noble P.A. to Serial 11
13. Mr M. Montgomery Communications Branch (from Nicosia)
14. Mr P. J. Gamble Communications Branch

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TO PRIORITY FCO TEL NO 103 OF 14.2.72 INFO JERUSALEM.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 62^{cc} YOUR VISIT.

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I HAVE NOT YET SEEN PIKE'S LETTER TO FOSTER. BUT THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOW COME UP WITH SOME NEW THOUGHTS:-
(A) MRS MEIR WONDERS WHETHER AFTER LUNCHEON ON THE FIRST DAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY HER FOR A QUARTER OF AN HOUR OR SO TO THE REVIEWING STAND IN WEST JERUSALEM OF THE ANNUAL THREE DAY MARCH, WHICH WILL BE CULMINATING IN JERUSALEM THAT DAY. THIS IS A RALLY OF GROUPS, MOSTLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE, MARCHING FROM ALL OVER ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM AND THERE IS EXPECTED TO BE A BRITISH CONTINGENT. THERE IS NO MILITARY ASPECT AND VIRTUALLY NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND THE FACT THAT THEY END UP IN JERUSALEM. IT IS A CHEERFUL AND RATHER TYPICAL ISRAELI EXERCISE AND I CAN SEE NO HARM IN YOUR ATTENDING. IT WOULD NO DOUBT GIVE MRS MEIR PLEASURE. BUT THERE IS EQUALLY NO OBLIGATION AND I DO NOT THINK OFFENCE WILL BE GIVEN IF YOU PREFER TO GO STRAIGHT ON TO YOUR PROGRAMME IN THE OLD CITY. Owing to the MARCH, A WAY WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED BY THE ISRAEL POLICE, WHO HAVE SAID THEY CAN DO THIS. BUT FOR THE SAME REASON IT WILL PROBABLY BE BETTER TO MEET THE ARCHBISHOP EITHER AT THE GATE OF THE OLD CITY OR AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE ITSELF.

(B) MR EBAN'S DINNER WILL NOW BE AT HIS OFFICIAL HOUSE IN WEST JERUSALEM, TWENTY-EIGHT PEOPLE AT THREE SMALL TABLES.

(C) ON THE THURSDAY MORNING, THE ISRAELIS WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO PLANT A TREE AT MOUNT HERZL AT 11 A.M. AND THEN TO START THE SECOND SESSION OF TALKS AT 11.30 A.M. THIS WOULD TAKE YOU THROUGH TO LUNCHEON. THEY SAY THAT THE BELGIAN, GERMAN AND ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ALL PLANTED A TREE. THERE ARE OBVIOUS ZIONIST CONNOTATIONS IN HONOURING THE GRAVE OF HERZL BUT IT IS NOT EASY TO REFUSE AND WOULD GIVE YOUR HOSTS MUCH PLEASURE IF YOU AGREED. THIS WOULD LEAVE NO TIME FOR SIGHT-SEEING UNLESS YOU WANTED TO MAKE AN EARLY START FROM TEL AVIV AFTER VISITING THE CHANCERY.

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2. I TAKE IT FROM YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE THAT YOU ACCEPT THE ISRAEL-COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON AT THE KNESSET, WHERE INCIDENTALLY THE THREE OTHER EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE, I UNDERSTAND, EACH GIVEN A GOVERNMENT DINNER.

3. I AM NOT SURE WHEN YOU ARE COMING BACK TO LONDON BUT THE ISRAELIS ARE HOPING TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS ON THEIR IDEAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Mr Lever (Near Eastern Department)

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

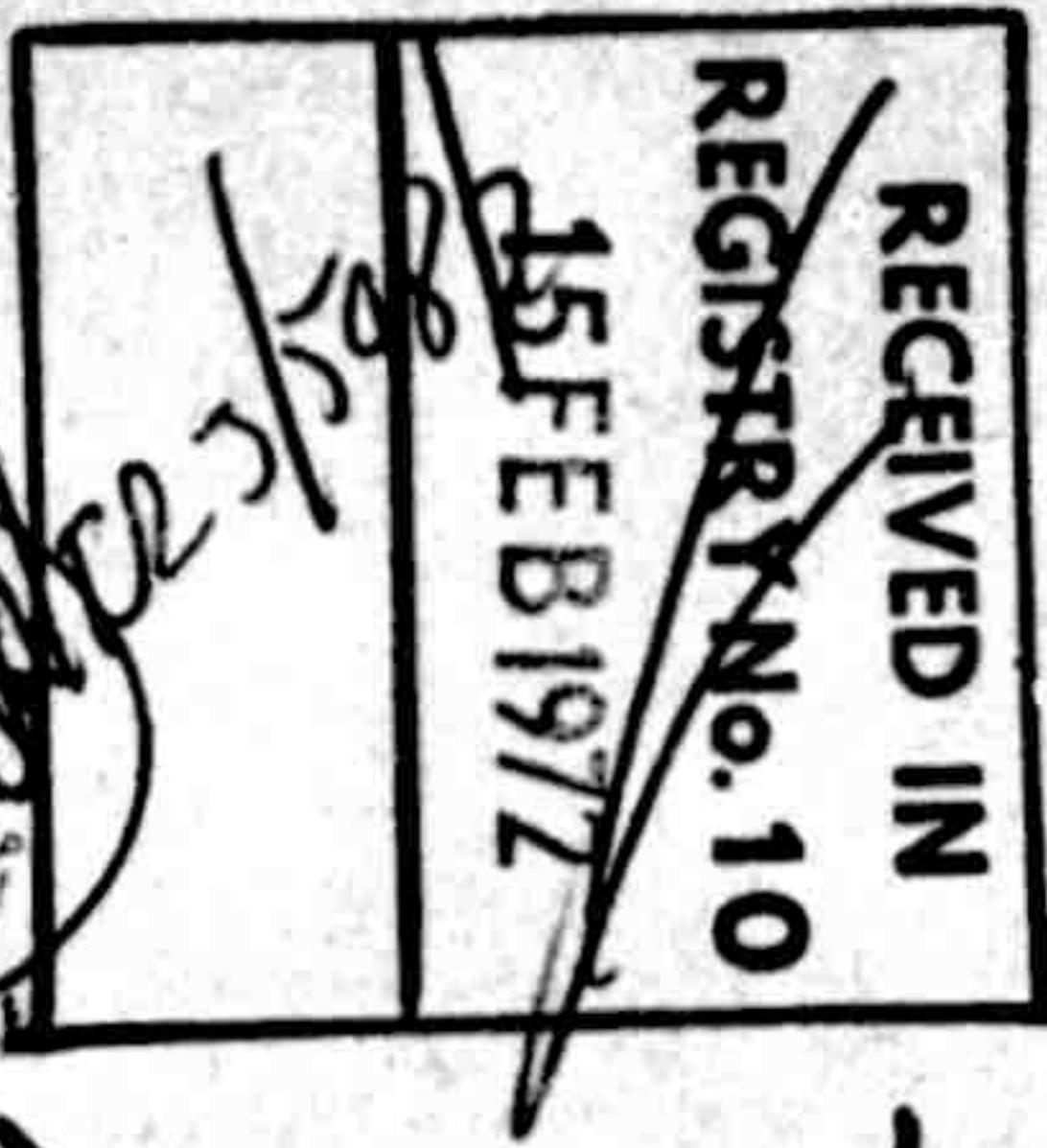
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1. The YAR Minister, Dr al Kausi, with whom I had dinner on Friday evening, 11 February, told me that he had recently attended a meeting of Arab Heads of Missions in London at which the Secretary of State's visit to Israel had been discussed. The important point which the Heads of Missions wished to emphasize was that nothing should be done by the Secretary of State to imply recognition of Israeli occupation of Arab territories and that he should not go to such territories under the auspices of the Israel Government.
2. I understood from Dr al Kausi that representations on this would be made before too long either to the Secretary of State himself or at a high level in the FCO.

A A Aslund
Arabian Department

16 February 1972

cc Mr Parsons
Mr Craig (North African Department)
Mr Pike (Near Eastern Department)
Mr Allen (Arabian Department)



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BRITISH EMBASSY,

TEL AVIV.

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7th February, 1972

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cc Graham

Ron A
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Dear [redacted] [redacted]

We are enmeshed in telegrams about the Secretary of State's visit here next month.

I wonder if you could help me on one or two small points?

As you know, we hope that you and one of the detectives will stay in the house. I assume that the detective would expect to eat on his own, i.e. not with the family and not with the servants. If so, we shall arrange for trays to be provided.

Should the detective also always travel in the same car as the Secretary of State? This may cause a bit of difficulty because the Israelis seem to think that they ought to put a security man of their own in the car, or at any rate following close behind.

They would like to have the Secretary of State travelling in their own car with British and Israeli flags on it. I said that I should gladly take him in my car. But my car only has one flag pole. I could put another on, but I am not sure that it is suitable to have the Israeli flag on a British diplomatic car. From the security point of view, it would obviously be nicer to go in our own car. But unless you see grave objection, I think we may have to accept what the Israelis want on Israeli soil.

To go into the old city or other occupied territory, however, I think we must have our own car, without any flag. Here again, however the Israelis may want to put their own security man in the car or following close behind. As they are

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the de facto authority and responsible for security, I think we should have to accept this too.

I am assuming by the way that there will be no dinner jackets and that we shall wear day clothes all the time. This is the Israeli way of life and some politicians might well refuse if they were asked to put on a black tie.

We are working separately on a programme for Lady Home to include a visit to the St. John Hospital, but I should be glad to know if she has any special wishes or interests.

Ernest W. Barnes
John Barnes

(E.J.W. Barnes)



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BRITISH EMBASSY,
TEL AVIV.

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Dear Sirs,
For the Secretary of State's visit here, you will no doubt be thinking about presents.

Obviously there should be something for Mr. Eban. His interests are mainly intellectual, but she likes modern art. They tend to give Israeli antiquities for their own presents. Their house is very well run and I wonder if a piece of English Georgian silver for the table would meet the case. Alternatively you might like to consider a twentieth century English painting.

Since Mrs. Meir is asking the Secretary of State to luncheon, a present would seem appropriate for her too. She is not interested in finery, but is of course an inveterate smoker. Perhaps a silver cigarette box suitably inscribed would do the trick. This is admittedly not very original, and another possibility might be six coffee cups and saucers from Thomas Goode in a box.

As the programme now stands, I do not think the Secretary of State need feel obliged to give any other presents. But it would be pleasant if he could bring something for the Chairman of the Anglo-Israel Association and the Chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, who will be his hosts at luncheon. Here he might give books with signed inscriptions in his own hand.

I doubt if the President will give him anything. But in case he does, it might be as well for you to have a book up your sleeve.

The only other person to whom we might want to show courtesy is the Minister of Religious Affairs if he makes a special expedition to greet

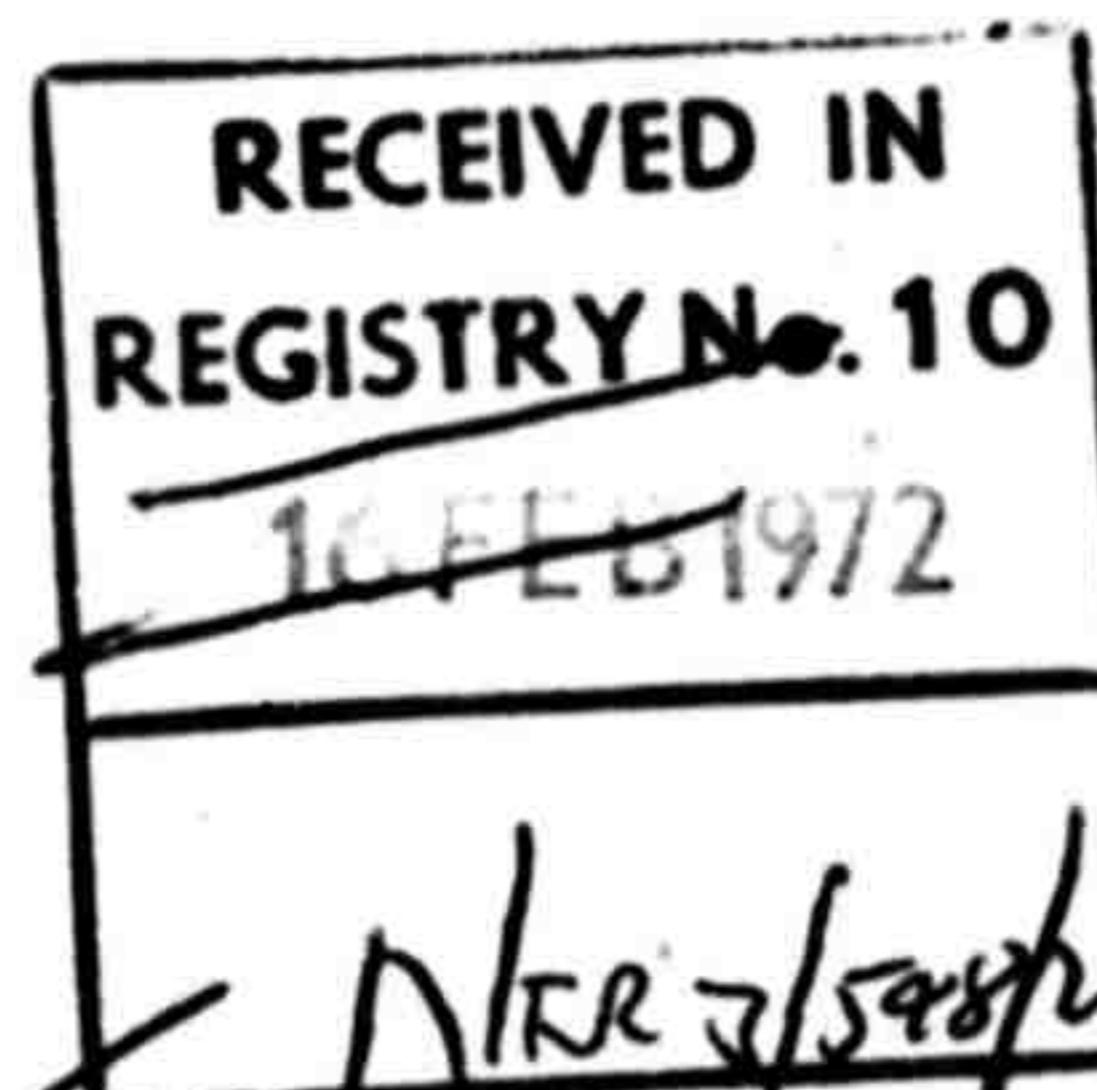
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the Secretary of State at the Western Wall. For him again, I think a book would be quite enough. In his case, and that of the President, the binding and the appearance of the books are probably more important than their contents.

Some are |
John Barnes
(E.J.W. Barnes)



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Mr. Evans

Mr Laver
Parsons

Minutes to all
departments concerned.

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

1. I submit a draft steering brief for the Secretary of State's visit to Israel. This takes account of the comments made at our meeting with Mr Parsons on 26 January and also the points which you raised in discussion this morning. As we agreed, I have tried to keep the draft as concise as possible.

2. Once Mr Evans, Mr Parsons and the Private Secretary have approved the draft, we will issue a minute commissioning subject briefs and supporting papers within the framework of the Steering Brief; Mr Parsons will also wish to hold a meeting to give guidance to representatives of the other Departments which will be concerned in preparing briefs and supporting documents.



M E Pike
Near Eastern Department

9 February 1972

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Mr Parsons

1. Mr Evans did not have time to consider this draft steering brief before his departure on leave. He therefore asked me to submit it direct to you (Mr Laver has already approved the draft).

2. Once you have approved the draft, we will issue a commissioning minute. You may also want to hold a meeting to give guidance to the representatives of other Departments which will be preparing subject briefs.

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3. As you know, the Private Secretary will not be back in the Office until 21 February. I recommend that in order to save time we should carry on as proposed in paragraph 2, submitting the draft steering brief to Mr Graham immediately after his return.



M E Pike
Near Eastern Department

14 February 1972

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TO ROUTINE TEL AVIV TEL NO 63 OF 14 FEBRUARY.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 98. ^{P.S. D.}

FOLLOWING FROM PARSONS.

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I SHALL NOW BOOK MYSELF TO ATHENS ON THE SATURDAY. I HAVE LOOKED AT ALL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO SAVE TIME, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. I SHALL THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE TO TALK WITH SASSON ON THE MIDDLE EAST FOR AS LONG AS HE LIKES ON THE FRIDAY.

DOUGLAS-HOME.

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MY TELEGRAM NO 103:

YOUR VISIT.

Letter to Tel Aviv

PA (P) 18/2

OWING TO THE THREE-DAY MARCH, IT NOW LOOKS AS IF THE EASIEST THING WILL BE FOR YOU TO ENTER THE OLD CITY BY THE DUNG GATE. THIS WOULD MAKE IT CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO VISIT THE WESTERN WALL WITH THE MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS FIRST. YOU COULD THEN GO ON TO THE DOME OF THE ROCK AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE UNDER MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN AUSPICES RESPECTIVELY. THERE MAY ALSO BE TIME FOR YOU TO VISIT BETHLEHEM IF YOU LIKE. THIS IS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOU WOULD PREFER NOT TO GO TO THE REVIEWING STAND WITH MRS MEIR.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE MINOR CHANGES WITH H.M. CONSUL-GENERAL AT JERUSALEM WHO SEES NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT THEM.

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Draft reply

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Mr. Shea } reply pl.

10th February, 1972.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, KT., MP.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
The Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.



PA (P.18/2) 14/2

Dear Alec,

One or two of my Arab friends have been asking me to reassure them that when you visit Israel you won't be visiting Arab Jerusalem, the old city, or other bits of occupied territory.

I have been saying that I thought it most unlikely you would do this, as it would presumably be a breach of protocol. I seem to remember Rogers was very careful on this point when he visited Israel.

I would be most grateful if you would let me have your views on this point.

Yours,

Christopher Mayhew.

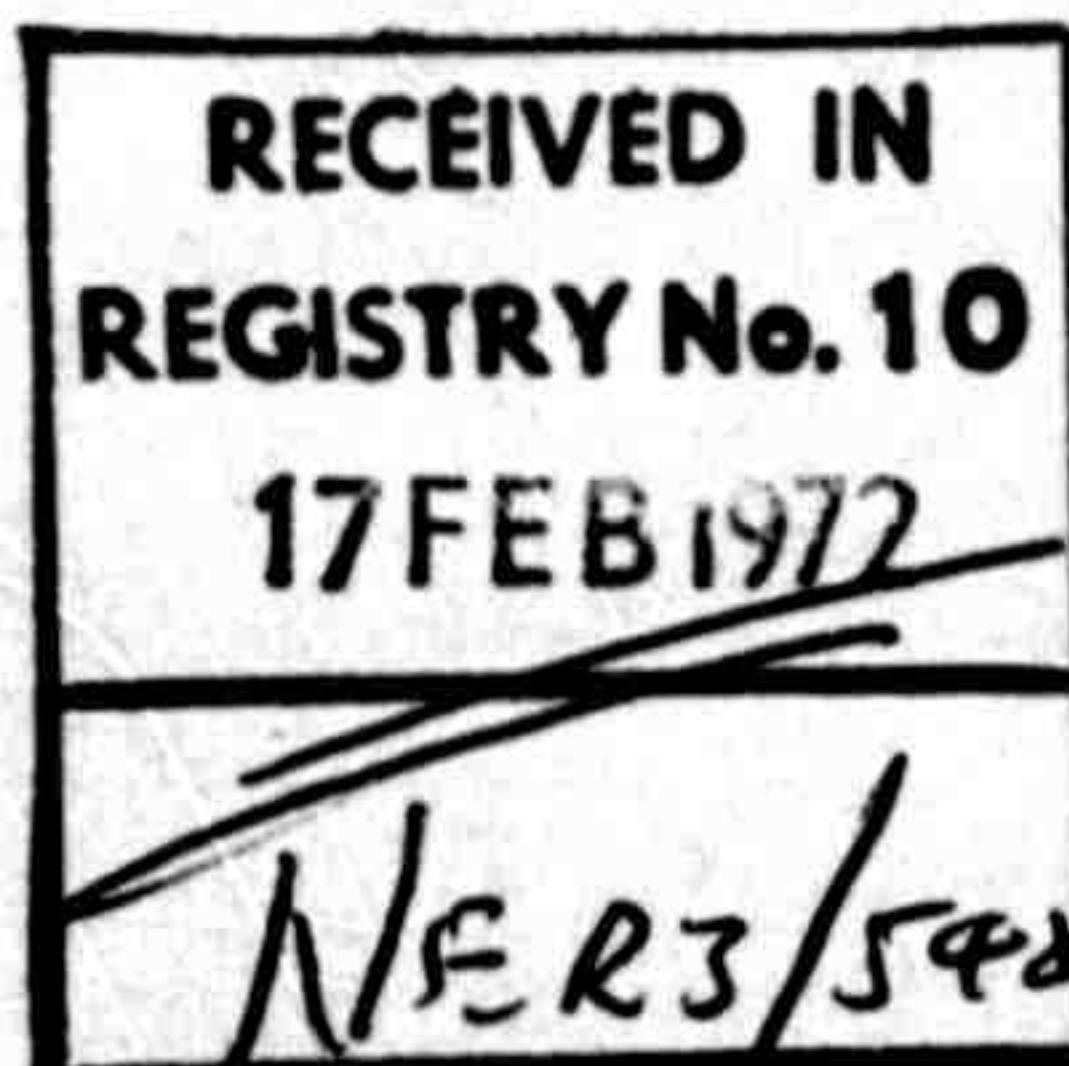
Christopher Mayhew, M.P.

1. Acknowledgement ✓ 14/2
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Mr Renwick
Mr Parsons

THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL : LETTER FROM
MR CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW MP

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1. Mr Christopher Mayhew MP has, perhaps predictably, asked for the Secretary of State's reassurance that he will not visit the Old City, other parts of East Jerusalem or the West Bank during his visit to Israel.
2. It would clearly be prudent to make it plain to Mr Mayhew that the Secretary of State intends to visit East Jerusalem (but not the West Bank) when he goes to Israel. Any attempt to fudge this point would lead to accusations of bad faith from Mr Mayhew and other supporters of the Arab cause (not to mention the Arabs themselves) when the Secretary of State's programme became public knowledge. But we should I think emphasise to Mr Mayhew that the purpose of the Secretary of State's visit to East Jerusalem is to enable him to see the "Jerusalem problem" for himself; and that it will take place under the auspices of HM Consul-General. (I do not think we need mention the fact that, on present plans, the Secretary of State's guide during his visit to the Wailing Wall will be the Israel Minister of Religious Affairs).
3. I submit a self-explanatory draft reply from the Minister of State to Mr Mayhew. The Department's Legal Adviser concurs.
4. We could end the letter to Mr Mayhew by saying specifically that the Secretary of State has no plans to visit the West Bank. Otherwise the first sentence of paragraph 2 will stand out. But I am not sure how likely Sir Alec is to change his mind on the present programme.

S L Egerton
S L Egerton
Near Eastern Department

15 February 1972

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Mr Renwick

I have slightly strengthened the draft. If we reply on these lines now to Mr. Mayhew, I think we may save ourselves a certain amount of trouble with the Arab Ambassadors. My information is that they devoted the whole of their last monthly meeting to this question and that they are contemplating forming up en masse to the Secretary of State before he leaves for Israel. Hence, the sooner we get the word round that the Secretary of State will not be visiting the Golan Heights, the West Bank, etc., but that he will be going to East Jerusalem, the better.


A D Parsons

16 February 1972

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From The Minister of State

Mr. James ^{Revd 17/2}

Mr. Kay (D.A.F. Dept)

~~sent 22/2~~ VP 18/2

17 February 1972

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J. Mayhew

Chris DESPATCHED BY MINISTER OF STATE'S OFFICE

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Thank you for your letter of 10 February about Alec Douglas-Home's visit to Israel, to which I am replying in his absence.

Plans for the visit have not yet been finalised, but you can take it that it will not include a programme of visits to occupied Arab territories. East Jerusalem is, however, a different question. Alec may very well visit it. We have a Consul-General there, as you know, and it would be odd to say the least for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to be in the immediate area and not to visit a Diplomatic Service post there. Equally, there is our strong and legitimate interest in the problem of Jerusalem to take into account. The important point is that Alec would not visit East Jerusalem under Israeli auspices. He would be accompanied by the Consul-General, who is not accredited to the Israel Government.

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Christopher Mayhew Esq MP
House of Commons
SW1



I understand that one or two of the Arab
Ambassadors have been expressing anxiety on
the points you raised in your letter. If they
should make representations to us, we shall
reply on the above lines.

*Yours ever
Joe*

(Joseph Godber)

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Mr Laver (Near Eastern Department)

SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. The YAR Minister, Dr al Kawsi, with whom I had dinner on Friday evening, 11 February, told me that he had recently attended a meeting of Arab Heads of Missions in London at which the Secretary of State's visit to Israel had been discussed. The important point which the Heads of Missions wished to emphasise was that nothing should be done by the Secretary of State to imply recognition of Israeli occupation of Arab territories and that he should not go to such territories under the auspices of the Israel Government.

2. I understood from Dr al Kawsi that representations on this would be made before too long either to the Secretary of State himself or at a high level in the FCO.

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A A Acland
Arabian Department

14 February 1972

cc Mr Parsons

Mr Craig (North African Department)

Mr Pike (Near Eastern Department)

Mr Allen (Arabian Department)

Mr. Pike

This suggests that it may be wise to

give early warning to our contacts, notably Egypt,

our partner in any guidance about the visit to

the Western Wall, including the precedents

Yes: but I think we ought to wait
a little longer (until the programme is closer
to final form) before sending out guidance

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Mr. Pike 14/2/3

You already
had this in mind

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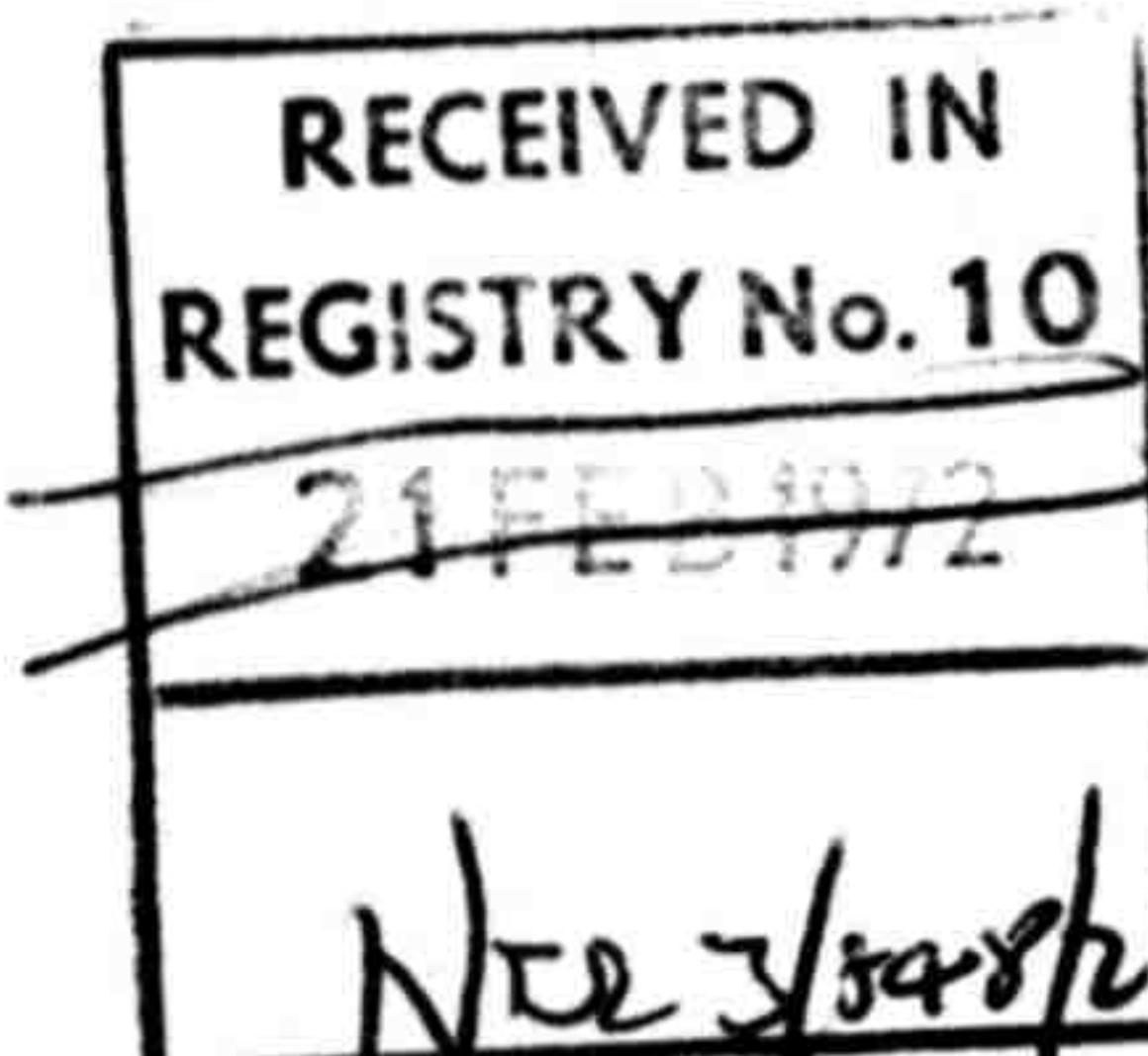
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
TEL AVIV.

February 16th, 1972

Dear Richard, letter to
Tel Aviv

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I enclose à toutes fins utiles a revised version of the Secretary of State's programme as it now seems to stand. This draws together the various points which have been made in recent telegrams.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible if you have any comments?

In particular, I should like to know:

- (a) Whether the Secretary of State wishes to join Mrs. Meir in reviewing the three day marchers.
- (b) If, given time, he would like to visit Bethlehem.
- (c) Whether he would like to plant a tree at Mount Herzl or, if not, if there is anything else he would like to do on the Thursday morning.
- (d) Whether he would prefer a press conference in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. I think myself that Jerusalem is better as there should be a larger attendance.
- (e) Whether he wants any other press or radio interviews.
- (f) What time he plans to depart on the Friday morning.

Spns wth
John Barnes

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(E.J.W. Barnes)

Richard Evans, Esq.

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DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME
FOR
SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT
TO ISRAEL
March 21st-24th, 1972

Tuesday, March 21st

? 6 p.m. Arrive Lod airport in own aircraft
Met by Minister of Foreign Affairs
Meet press and radio
Informal dinner at Embassy (all British)

Wednesday, March 22nd

8.45 a.m. Leave Tel Aviv
9.45 a.m. Call on President of Israel
10.15 a.m. Official talks with Foreign Minister
at Knesset: first session
12 noon Call on Prime Minister
1 p.m. Lunch with Prime Minister
/2.15 join Prime Minister on reviewing
stand of three-day march)
2.45 p.m. Meet Minister of Religious Affairs at
Western Wall
then visit
Dome of the Rock and Church of the Holy
Sepulchre under arrangements to be made
by H.M. Consul-General and Archbishop
in Jerusalem
(?
if time, visit Bethlehem)
6 p.m. Return to Consulate-General to meet
staff and selected members of British
community in Jerusalem over drinks
and change for dinner.
8 p.m. Dinner with Foreign Minister at his
official house in West Jerusalem
10.45 p.m. Return to Tel Aviv

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Thursday, March 23rd

8.30 a.m. Visit Chancery and spend ten minutes meeting Embassy staff

(? 11 a.m. Plant tree at Mount Herzl (grave of) Herzl)

11.30 a.m. Official talks with Foreign Minister at Knesset: second session

1 p.m. Luncheon with Israel/Commonwealth Association and Anglo/Israel Chamber of Commerce at Knesset (speak)

either 3 p.m. at Beit Agron, Jerusalem) Press
or(4.30 p.m. at Beit Sokolov, Tel Aviv) Conference)

6-7.30 p.m. Cocktail party at Embassy

8.30 p.m. Dinner for Foreign Minister at Embassy (host)

Friday, March 24th

? 9.30 a.m. Leave Lod airport in own aircraft.

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London SW1

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Telephone 01-

His Excellency
Mr E J W Barnes MBE
TEL AVIV

Your reference

Our reference NER 3/548/3

Date

18 February 1972

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P23/2

Dear John,

VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

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1. Thank you for your letter of 16 February to Richard Evans (and the enclosed programme) to which I am replying in Richard's absence on leave. I am sorry that we have not been able to give you an earlier answer to the points raised in your letter, but as you will understand, it was not possible to look at the programme as a whole until the Secretary of State's return from his Far Eastern tour. We have now, however, been able to go over the ground with all concerned.

2. As you now know, the Secretary of State will be travelling in an RAF Comet. He expects to arrive at Lod at about 7.00 pm (I hope to be able to give you a more precise timing shortly). The programme for 21 March now seems fine. So does that for the morning of 22 March. The Secretary of State is not however happy about the idea of joining Mrs Meir on the reviewing stand for the Three-Day-Marchers. He would prefer to go direct to the Old City after his lunch with her. As you suggested in Tel Aviv telegram No 112, he could enter the Old City by the Dung Gate (where he would be met by HM Consul-General) and then go immediately on to the Western Wall where the Minister of Religious Affairs would be waiting. He would subsequently visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Dome of the Rock. He would be happier to forgo a visit to Bethlehem both because of shortage of time and because he would prefer not to enter the Occupied Territories, as distinct from East Jerusalem, if this can be avoided. The programme for the evening would remain as proposed earlier (although the Secretary of State would want to rest briefly at the Consulate-General before drinks at about 6.30 pm).

3. We think that the best plan for 23 March would be for the Secretary of State to make a somewhat later start than you suggest (he would like to have some time in the morning to work on his speech at the Israel/Commonwealth Association luncheon). Accordingly he might visit the Chancery and meet the Embassy staff at 10.00 am, leaving for Jerusalem at 10.30 am in time to begin official talks with Mr Eban at 11.30 am (again, as you know, the Secretary of

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State would not be happy about the idea of planting a tree at Mount Herzl). The official talks would be followed by the luncheon with the Israel/Commonwealth Association and the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce at the Knesset, which would, we imagine, end at about 3.15 pm. The Secretary of State's press conference might then take place at 3.30 pm at Beit Agron, Jerusalem. The chances are that the conference will last until about 4.30 pm. The Secretary of State would then be quite happy to return to Tel Aviv and to forgo any sight-seeing.

4. The Secretary of State would like to be back in London by the early afternoon of 24 March. This would mean leaving Lod at 9.30 am.

5. News Department are recommending to the Secretary of State that he should give a television interview to the London Correspondent of Israel Television before he leaves for Israel. If, as we expect, this recommendation is accepted, the Secretary of State would almost certainly prefer not to have a further interview during his visit (his press conference will, in any case, receive extensive television coverage).

6. Johnny Graham will be writing to you separately about the points raised in your recent letters to him about gifts and transport arrangements. I also hope to comment on your letter to Richard Evans of 9 February about the Secretary of State's speech, and about briefing, by the next confidential bag.

7. I attach a revised draft version of the programme which takes into account the Secretary of State's wishes.

Yours, etc

Patrick Laver

P M Laver
Near Eastern Department

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DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME
FOR
SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT
TO ISRAEL

March 21-24, 1972

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH

7.00 pm Arrive Lod airport in own aircraft
Met by Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Short statement to press.
Informal dinner at Embassy (all British)

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH

8.45 am Leave Tel Aviv
9.45 am Call on President of Israel
10.15 am Official talks with Foreign Minister at
Knesset : first session
12.00 noon Call on Prime Minister
1.00 pm Lunch with Prime Minister
2.45 pm Meet Minister of Religious Affairs and
HM Consul-General at Western Wall
then visit
Dome of the Rock and Church of the Holy
Sepulchre under arrangements to be made by
HM Consul-General and Archbishop in
Jerusalem

Approx
5.00 pm Return to Consulate-General for a short rest
6.30 pm Meet staff and selected members of British
community in Jerusalem over drinks
8.00 pm Dinner with Foreign Minister at his official
house in West Jerusalem
10.45 pm Return to Tel Aviv

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THURSDAY, 23 MARCH

10.00 am Visit Chancery and spend ten minutes meeting Embassy staff

11.30 am Official talks with Foreign Minister at Knesset : second session

1.00 pm Luncheon with Israel/Commonwealth Association and Anglo/Israel Chamber of Commerce at Knesset (speak)

3.30 pm Press Conference at Beit Agron, Jerusalem

6.00 pm to Cocktail party at Embassy

7.30 pm

8.30 pm Dinner for Foreign Minister at Embassy (host)

FRIDAY, 24 MARCH

? 9.30 am Leave Lod airport in own aircraft

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PROPOSED SPEECH BY SECRETARY OF STATE IN ISRAEL ON 23 MARCH

1. Mr Pike's minute of 15 February.
2. I have my doubts about the wisdom of choosing a European theme for the Secretary of State's speech at the Israel and British Commonwealth Association and Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Jerusalem on 23 March. As I understand it, arrangements between Israel and the EEC to take account of enlargement have still to be finalised. I wonder, therefore, how far we could go to allay the very real fears of the Israelis about the likely impact of enlargement on their trade. If we are ~~not~~ likely to succeed in allaying these fears, it might be wise not to take on the task in the first place. Then there is the problem of saying anything to please the Israelis which will not upset the Arabs.
3. Before taking this further, I would be grateful to know if you agree that we should take this on. But it would be difficult to draft a convincing and pleasing speech apart from two or three routine references to the universal benefits of an Enlarged Community. I am sure, however, that the Secretary of State must be armed with a short defensive brief.

W. J. Adams

European Integration
Department (2)

18 February 1972

Copied to:
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Mr Morland

Mr Laidler
Mr Pike

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the Arabs & perhaps also the Americans.

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YOUR TELNO. 103: MY VISIT.

1. I WOULD PREFER NOT (NOT) TO ACCEPT MRS MEIR'S INVITATION TO ACCOMPANY HER TO THE REVIEWING STAND FOR THE ANNUAL THREE DAY MARCH. I HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME IN THE OLD CITY AND SHOULD PREFER NOT TO CUT INTO IT. I THINK THE BEST COURSE THEREFORE WOULD BE FOR ME TO MEET THE ARCHBISHOP AT THE GATE OF THE OLD CITY IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY LUNCH WITH MRS MEIR.
2. I AM ALSO UNHAPPY ABOUT THE IDEA OF PLANTING A TREE AT MOUNT HERZL. AS YOU SAID IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF TEL AVIV TELNO. 88, TREE PLANTING IN ISRAEL TENDS TO HAVE NATIONALISTIC OVERTONES, AND FOR THAT REASON I WOULD PREFER TO AVOID PARTICIPATING IN A CEREMONY OF THIS KIND.
3. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE ISRAEL-COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION'S INVITATION TO LUNCHEON AT THE KNESSET.

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL (21 - 24 MARCH)

Briefs

1. I attach a copy of the draft steering brief, as approved by Mr Parsons, for the Secretary of State's forthcoming visit to Israel, together with a list of the subject briefs which will be required.
2. You are invited to attend or send a representative to a meeting of Departments concerned with subject briefs for this Visit. This will be held in Mr Parsons' room, W38, at 4pm on Friday, 18 February. The purpose of the meeting will be to agree the broad outline of subject briefs within the framework of the draft steering brief.
3. It would be helpful if Departments concerned could subsequently arrange to prepare draft subject briefs by Wednesday 8 March. These should take into account comments made and/or lines agreed at Mr Parsons' meeting.
4. It will be Near Eastern Department's responsibility to agree final versions of subject briefs with the Departments concerned and, where necessary, with the Private Secretary. Near Eastern Department will also coordinate typing and duplication of final versions.
5. Draft briefs should begin with a check-list of the points which the Secretary of State should make, cross-referenced to the relevant paragraphs in the background brief, followed by defensive points also in summary form and similarly referenced. Briefs should of course be in narrative form and concise.

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

DRAFT STEERING BRIEF

General Background

1. This will be the first occasion on which a British Foreign Secretary has visited Israel as a guest of the Israel Government.
2. The visit will balance the Secretary of State's official visit to Cairo in September 1971. It will bring to a close the present round of official visits at Foreign Ministerial level to and from Israel and Egypt.
3. The Secretary of State is to have two sessions of talks with Mr Eban in (West) Jerusalem. He will also have lunch with the Israel Prime Minister and pay a courtesy call on President Shazar.

Purpose of the Visit

4. Our main objective during the talks will be to reassure Mr Eban that there has been no shift in HM Government's policy towards the Arab/Israel dispute; that we remain committed to do all we can to help in the search, direct or by stages, for a comprehensive settlement of the dispute in accordance with Resolution No 242(67); and that, despite some differences of view with Israel over the interpretation of the

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Resolution, we cannot fairly be accused of a lack of understanding or of concern over Israel's need for security.

5. Against this background, the Secretary of State will wish to urge Mr Eban to consider what moves Israel could safely make to encourage the Egyptians to embark on negotiations. A related objective will be to assure Mr Eban of our interest in fostering bilateral relations, particularly in trade, taking account of Israel's concern about the possible effects on her trade of our accession to the European Economic Community, and about her present exclusion from the UNCTAD Generalised Preferences Scheme.

THE MAIN TOPICS WE WISH TO RAISE

Arab/Israel dispute

6. The only major topic we should wish to raise is the Arab/Israel dispute (in its widest terms). A brief cannot be prepared until nearer the time of the visit.

(Brief No 2)

THE TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE ISRAELIS

Arab/Israel dispute

7. Mr Eban will rehearse, and try and obtain more British sympathy and support for, the Israeli position. He will no doubt re-emphasise Israel's insistence on the need for negotiations between the parties without pre-conditions and can be expected to re-state Israeli opposition to apparent outside attempts to "impose a solution", whether by the four powers or by any other group (eg the Six or the Ten); he may well express Israel's well-known opposition to Western

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European political consultations on Middle Eastern matters.

(Brief No 2)

Supplies of British Military Equipment

8. Mr Eban may wish to raise a number of matters in connection with the supply of British military equipment:

a. To Israel:

- i. The provision of know-how by British firms (to enable sophisticated equipment to be manufactured under licence in Israel).
- ii. Small submarines: the question of quality control and training.
- iii. Joint research and development of advanced weapons systems.

(Brief No 3)

b. To Arab countries, in particular:

- i. Egypt (especially Jaguar aircraft, if news of the possible sale of this aircraft to Egypt has broken).
- ii. Libya (also including the question of the possible sale of Jaguar)
- iii. Jordan
- iv. Lebanon

(Brief No 4)

The Treatment of Jews in the Arab States (especially Syria)

9. Mr Eban may seek our help in moves to ease the position of the Jewish community in Syria. The Secretary of State will wish to point to our lack of locus standi to intervene over the fate of citizens

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of a country with which we have no diplomatic relations, and who are not British subjects.

(Brief No 5)

ECONOMIC TOPICS

The Impact on Israeli Exports of British Entry to the European Economic Community

10. Negotiations are due to begin in April between the European Economic Community and Israel on the adaptation of existing treaties between the Community and third countries to take account of the Community's enlargement. We shall be consulted during these negotiations. Mr Eban will no doubt wish to press us to give full support for Israel's case.

(Brief No 6)

The Exclusion of Israel from the UNCTAD Generalised Preferences Scheme

11. Mr Eban will no doubt want to discuss our aide mémoire on the subject which should by then have reached the Israelis.

(Brief No 7)

BILATERAL TRADE TOPICS

12. There may also be some discussion of bilateral trade topics, especially the future of British Leyland Motor Corporation in Israel;

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possibly also the lifting of dollar quotas on tropical products;

(Brief No 9)

and the continuance during 1972 of quotas on the import of cotton textiles from Israel.

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL MATTERS FALLING OUTSIDE THE MAIN SCHEME OF THE TALKS

13. Mr Eban will probably want to have a general discussion of trends in Soviet policy both within and beyond the Middle East.

(Brief No 11)

He may also seek our views on Chinese policy in the area

(Brief No 12)

and on recent developments in :

a. Malta (the Israelis are disturbed by the possibility that Malta could offer facilities to powers hostile to Israel if a satisfactory agreement for the maintenance of a British base has not been reached).

(Brief No 13)

b. Uganda

(Brief No 14)

c. The Gulf

(Brief No 15).

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL (21-24 MARCH)

List of Subject Briefs

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1. Steering Brief	NED
2. The Arab/Israel Dispute	NED
3. Supplies of British Military Equipment	
a. to Israel	NED
4. b. to Egypt, Libya, Jordan and Lebanon	NED and North African Dept
5. The Treatment of Jews in Arab States	NED
6. The Impact on Israeli Exports of British Entry to the European Economic Community	EID(1)
7. The Exclusion of Israel from the UNCTAD Generalised Preferences Scheme	TPD
8. The Future of the British Leyland Motor Corporation in Israel	NED
9. The Lifting of Dollar Quotas on Tropical Products	Commodities Dept
10. The Continuance during 1972 of Quotas on the Import of Cotton Textiles from Israel	Commodities Dept
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VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

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1. Tel Aviv telegram No 103 contains two further proposals from the Israelis for the Secretary of State's visit: that he should

- a) Accompany Mrs Meir when she reviews the Annual Three Day March after her lunch for the Secretary of State on 22 March
- b) Plant a tree at Mount Herzl at 11 am on 23 March.

2. I recommend that the Secretary of State should

- a) be advised to decline the Israelis' first suggestion: his presence alongside Mrs Meir on the reviewing stand for the Three Day March would identify him publicly in both Israeli and Arab eyes with the idea of the "return to Jerusalem" which is a central feature of Zionist emotion and propaganda (pace HM Ambassador at Tel Aviv's comment, the Three Day March possesses considerable political significance);
- b) meet the Archbishop in Jerusalem at the Gate of the Old City (in order to avoid any entry to the Old City with an escort of Israeli police);
- c) also be advised to decline the second suggestion. As Mr Barnes himself says, planting a tree at Mount Herzl has obvious Zionist connotations. The Secretary of State's participation in a ceremony of this kind would be given the widest possible publicity by the Israelis and could well be represented in Israel and beyond as a symbol of HMG's approval of the Zionist cause. There would be bitter & justified - criticism in the Arab World.

3. I submit a self-explanatory draft telegram to Tel Aviv.

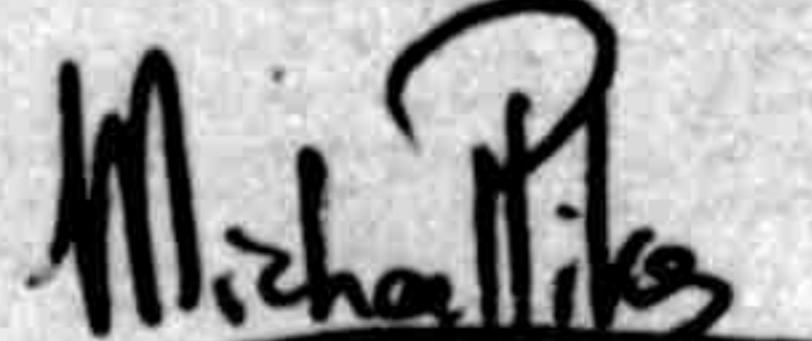
B 4. I attach copies of a) My letter to Foster of 11 February
C b) FCO telegram no 62 of 12 February
D c) Tel Aviv telegram no 88.

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I entirely agree with

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

for ORAL answer on Thursday 10th February

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NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

~~PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY MR W W HAMILTON MP~~

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARIES ~~for~~ MR. HAMILTON'S QUESTION

Proximity Talks

We welcome any moves which would enable negotiations to get under way. As the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary said in his speech to the UN General Assembly on the 29th of September, in our view, dialogue must sooner or later supplant confrontation.

Dr Jarring's Mission

HMG welcomed Dr Jarring's initiative of the 8th of February 1971, and have continued to support him in his difficult task. We hope that circumstances will soon make it possible for him to resume his mission.

Treatment of Soviet Jews

Our views on this question have been made known to this House on several occasions. I have nothing to add to what has been said before.

Anglo-Israeli Trade

~~I have nothing to add to the answer which I gave to the honourable Member for West Ham North on the 2nd of December.~~

I discussed with Mr. Eban when he was here at the end of November the implications of Britain's entry into the EEC for Anglo-Israeli trade & Israel's relations with the Community.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

1. Sir Gilbert Longden is known to take a keen interest in Middle Eastern affairs. But he is not a supporter of either side in the Arab/Israel dispute.
2. His Question was originally put down for answer on 20 January but was not reached owing to an interruption of Parliamentary business on that day. It is ostensibly intended to elicit information about the Prime Minister's intentions in regard to future visits to Israel, and perhaps also other countries in the area. But Sir Gilbert Longden may wish to probe HMG's intentions and attitudes towards a Middle East settlement generally. In particular he has told the Prime Minister's office that he wants to ask a supplementary question about "guarantees for Israel".
3. It is now public knowledge that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Lady Douglas-Home will be visiting Israel as the guests of the Israel Government between 21 March and 24 March.
4. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's visit to Israel will complement the official visit which he and Lady Douglas-Home made to the Arab Republic of Egypt as the guests of the Egyptian Government between 12 September and 15 September 1971.
5. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has no plans at present to visit other countries in the Middle East.
6. In case our general attitude to the Middle East situation is the subject of further questions, self-explanatory notes for supplementaries are attached.

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1. Other visits to countries in the Middle East

Neither my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, nor myself, have made plans to visit other countries in the Middle East.

2. The balance of visits by Ministers to the Middle East

There has been no bias in favour either of Israel or of the Arab States. My right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, visited the Arab Republic of Egypt from the 12th of September to the 15th of September 1971.

3. Possible British initiative in the Middle East dispute

We continue to keep the situation under close review. We remain ready to help in any way open to us to promote the search for a settlement. The Middle East dispute will certainly be discussed by my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary during his forthcoming visit.

4. British position on the Arab/Israel dispute

We want a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. We are ready to do all in our power to help bring about such a settlement. We believe that any settlement must be in accordance with the terms of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967.

/Our views ...

Our views about how these terms might be applied remain as my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary set them out in the speech he made at Harrogate on the 31st of October 1970, a copy of which is in the Library of the House. There has been no change in our position or attitude towards the dispute.

5. Guarantees for Israel

It seems sufficiently clear already that Israel would not regard any offer of outside guarantees as a sufficient pre-condition in itself for effecting the withdrawals envisaged by Security Council Resolution 242.

6. The British position on the Interim Arrangement

Our attitude towards an Interim Arrangement remains as set out by my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary at a Press Conference in Ankara on 30 April 1971, when he said:

"Such an arrangement could help to reduce tension and go some way towards breaking the present deadlock ... but it must be a step towards a comprehensive settlement and not an end in itself".

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Mr Parsons *Ans* Parsons ⁴ ✓
Parliamentary Office. ²

VISIT TO ISRAEL BY THE PRIME MINISTER : PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY
SIR GILBERT LONGDEN

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1. Sir Gilbert Longden MP put down this Question for answer on 20 January. It was not reached. (parliamentary business was interrupted as a result of a demonstration by a group of Labour back benchers against the high unemployment figures announced that day).
2. It will now be taken on 10 February. I re-submit a draft Reply together with draft Supplementaries and a self-explanatory background note.
3. The draft Reply itself has already been approved by the Minister of State with Supplementaries Nos 1 to 4. Supplementary No 5 ("Guarantees for Israel") has been added because Sir G Longden has told the Prime Minister's Political Secretary that he would want to raise the matter. Supplementary No 6 ("UK attitudes towards an interim arrangement") has been added because, following Israel's reported agreement to engage in "proximity talks" with Egypt under US auspices, the FCO have received a number of enquiries about our views on this development.

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY MR W W MANLICK MP

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Statement of Soviet Arms

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ADDITION TO BACKGROUND NOTE

Proximity Talks

The Israeli Government have recently agreed to take part in so-called "Proximity Talks" under American auspices, aimed at an Interim Arrangement between Israel and Egypt. While President Sadat has publicly rejected further American mediation, we believe that he has not yet quite closed the door on any of the available political options.

Dr Jarring

Dr Jarring, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative has just visited Cairo and is now in Cyprus. We have no information as to what transpired during his Cairo visit, or what his future moves are likely to be.

Treatment of Soviet Jews

HMG have no locus standi to intervene with the Soviet Government on behalf of Soviet citizens. This has been made clear in the House on a number of occasions, most recently by the Minister of State on 22 November. We have no evidence that the Russians are stepping up the pressure on Soviet Jewry. Indeed, there has in recent months been a marked increase in the number of Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate to Israel.

Anglo-Israeli Trade

The Israelis have expressed concern about the impact on their exports to Britain both as a result of our accession to the enlarged European Economic Community and as a result of our inability to include them among the list of beneficiaries of the Generalised Preference Scheme. We have told the Israelis that we are alive to their interests but we have been unable to give them the precise

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commitment which they are seeking. An Israeli delegation is coming to London to discuss both points shortly. Meanwhile there is nothing to add to the answer which the Prime Minister gave to Mr Arthur Lewis MP on 2 December 1971.

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for ORAL answer on Thursday 10th February

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Thursday 10th February 1972

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(To be answered by the Prime Minister)

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NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

OTHER VISITS TO COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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THE BALANCE OF VISITS BY MINISTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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POSSIBLE BRITISH INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE

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BRITISH POSITION ON THE ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE

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facilities for handicapped people: but has concluded that this would not be an effective means of proceeding.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS

Q6. Mr. Ashley asked the Prime Minister if he has yet arranged a specific date for his next meeting with the Trades Union Congress; and if he will make a statement.

The Prime Minister: I would refer the hon. Member to the answer I gave to a Question from my hon. Friend the Member for Epping (Mr. Tebbit) on 25th January.—[Vol. 829, c. 415.]

SHIPBUILDING TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENTAL CO-ORDINATION)

Q7. Mr. Douglas asked the Prime Minister if he is satisfied with the degree of co-ordination between the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade and Industry with regard to shipbuilding technology; and if he will make a statement.

The Prime Minister: Yes. In addition to the normal arrangements for inter-departmental co-ordination there is extensive consultation at working level on many different aspects of shipbuilding technology.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Q8. Mr. Huckfield asked the Prime Minister when he will seek to make an official visit to Australia and New Zealand.

The Prime Minister: I very much hope that it may be possible for me to visit Australia and New Zealand in due course, but I have at present no firm plans to do so.

ISRAEL

Q10. Sir Gilbert Longden asked the Prime Minister if he will seek an early opportunity to make an official visit to the State of Israel.

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The Prime Minister: My right hon. Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary expects to make an official visit to Israel next month: but I have at present no plans to do so.

INDUSTRIAL DERELICTION (DEPARTMENTAL CO-ORDINATION)

Q11. Mr. Charles R. Morris asked the Prime Minister whether he is satisfied with the co-ordination between Ministers responsible for dealing with industrial dereliction in the North-West.

The Prime Minister: As far as co-ordination is concerned, I have nothing to add to the answer I gave to a similar Question from the hon. Member on 16th December. My right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for the Environment announced on Monday an extension of the help available to local authorities in the assisted and derelict land clearance areas, including the whole of the North-West, for improving the appearance of derelict or unsightly land.—[Vol. 828, c. 189.]

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (SPEECH)

Q12. Mr. Arthur Lewis asked the Prime Minister whether the public speech made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at Leeds on Friday, 28th January, on prices and incomes represents the policy of Her Majesty's Government.

The Prime Minister: Yes.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY)

Mr. Dalyell asked the Prime Minister why he has transferred responsibility for scientific research from the Department of Education and Science to the Civil Service Department.

The Prime Minister: No such transfer of responsibility has taken place. I asked my right hon. and noble Friend the Lord Privy Seal to co-ordinate the Government's consultations on the Green Paper "A Framework for Government Research and Development" (Cmnd. 4814), which was presented to Parliament in his name.

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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 71⁸² YOUR VISIT.

I WENT OVER YOUR PROGRAMME YESTERDAY IN DETAIL WITH LOURIE WHO READILY ACCEPTED YOUR WISHES IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. THIS LED TO SOME DETAILED ADJUSTMENTS ON WHICH I SHALL BE REPORTING BY TOMORROW'S BAG IN THE LIGHT OF LAVER'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 18TH NOW RECEIVED.

2. THE ISRAELIS WILL OF COURSE ADJUST THEMSELVES TO YOUR TIME OF ARRIVAL BUT THEY HOPE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR THIS TO BE EARLIER THAN 7 P.M.

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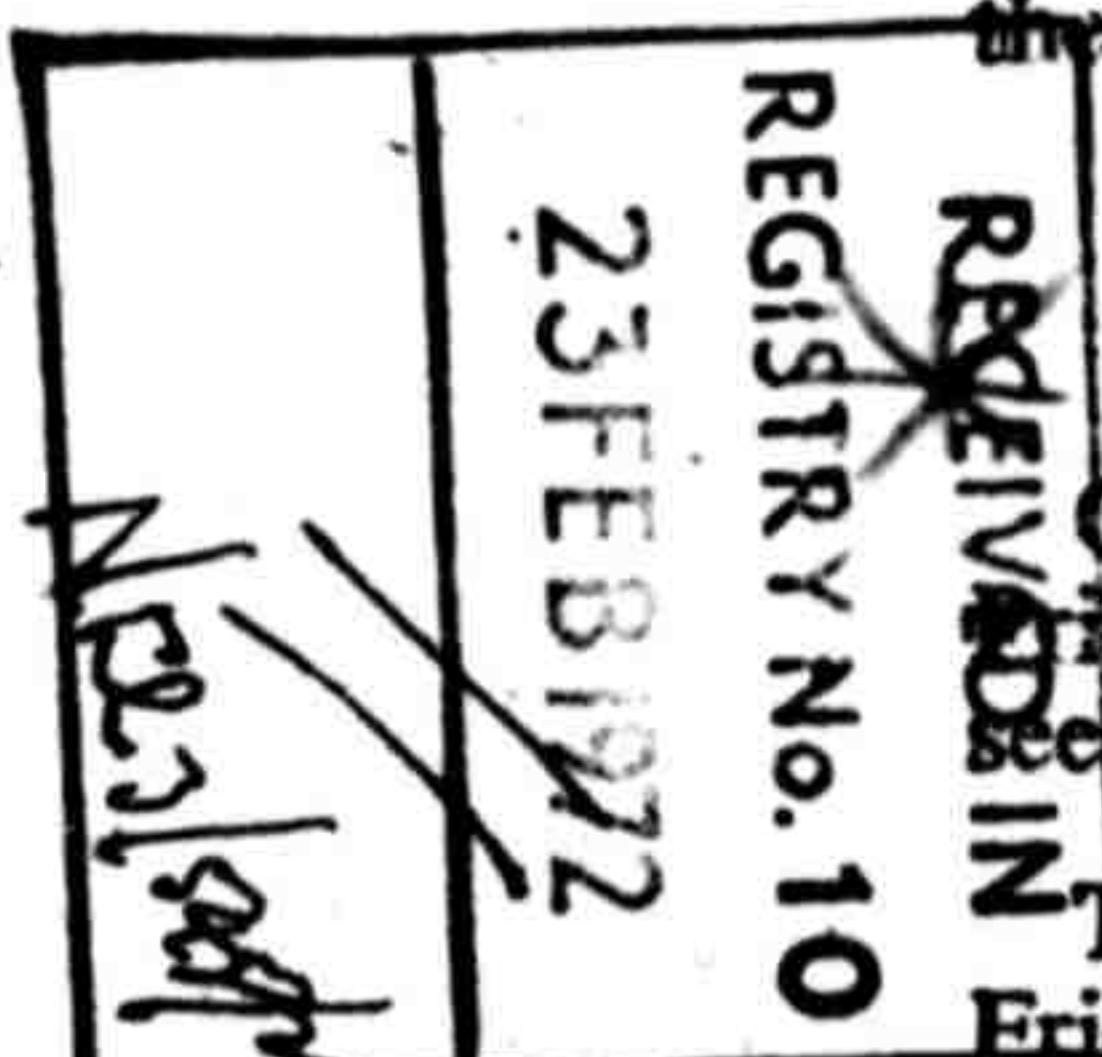
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The Prime Minister: Successive Governments have examined the question. It is very important that tourism, aspects of which concern so many Departments, should come under a Secretary of State who can speak for it in the Cabinet.

ISRAEL



Q2. Mr. William Hamilton asked the Prime Minister what plans he has for seeking to pay an official visit to Israel.

The Prime Minister: My right hon. Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary expects to make an official visit to Israel next month: but I have at present no plans to do so.

Mr. Hamilton: I am very gratified to know that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is going, especially as it is some while since he visited the Arab countries. Can the Prime Minister give an assurance that the Government intend to play the rôle of the honest broker—well, honest as far as they can be—to bring together the natural resources of the Arab world and the great human and technical resources of the Jews in the interests of the peace of the whole area?

The Prime Minister: My right hon. Friend visited the Arab Republic of Egypt from 12th to 15th September. On this occasion he is going to Israel. This demonstrates that we wish for nothing but peace in the Middle East. I believe it fair to say that since 1967 both Administrations have been working, within the context of the United Nations Resolution, to try to find a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arab countries.

Mr. Churchill: As the greatest obstacle to the achievement of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East has been the direct military intervention by a super Power, establishing naval and air force bases in the area and introducing its own military and air force personnel to the extent of more than 15,000, will my right hon. Friend, in consultation with the allies of this country, press for the removal of those forces which pose such a direct threat to the independence of every State in the Middle East?

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The Prime Minister: This would obviously be taken into account by Egypt and the other Arab countries in negotiating a peace settlement. Once there is a peace treaty in which the Arab countries accept that Israel is there to stay and that they will live together, obviously the need for any external presence from another power is no longer necessary.

AFRICA (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES)

Q3. Sir G. de Freitas asked the Prime Minister what plans he has to seek to pay official visits to Commonwealth countries in West and East Africa.

The Prime Minister: I have at present no plans to do so.

Sir G. de Freitas: Is the Prime Minister aware that many of those who saw the transition to independence of these African countries have realised that these countries appear to feel that they are forgotten today by Britain? Is he also aware that these countries have, in spite of Rhodesia, a very great respect for this country? Will he think again about this or, at least, about his right hon. Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary visiting them?

The Prime Minister: Yes, Sir. My right hon. Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has it in mind to visit some of the countries of West Africa, certainly, and I hope that it will be possible for him to visit others. I do not think that the right hon. Gentleman is correct in saying that the African countries feel forgotten, or that they have any justification for feeling forgotten. My right hon. Friend the Minister for Overseas Development visited Zambia and Malawi in October, 1971, and my noble Friend the Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office visited The Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana in 1970; Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in 1971; and Zaire, Swaziland, Botswana and Lesotho in January, 1972. It is apparent that there have been a considerable number of visits to African countries. We have also been able to welcome to London almost all the heads of government from black African Commonwealth countries in the last 18 months.

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*La. Mr W W Hamilton (West Fife): To ask the Prime Minister, what plans he has for seeking to pay an official visit to Israel.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972

*Q. Mr W W Hamilton

(To be answered by the Prime Minister)

I would refer the honourable Member to my reply to my honourable Friend the Member for South-West Hertfordshire on the 10th of February ~~in that~~ I have nothing to add ~~to that~~

NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

OTHER VISITS TO COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

1. Neither my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, nor myself, have made plans to visit other countries in the Middle East.

THE BALANCE OF VISITS BY MINISTERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

2. There has been no bias in favour either of Israel or of the Arab States. My right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, visited the Arab Republic of Egypt from the 12th of September to the 15th of September 1971.

POSSIBLE BRITISH INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE

3. We continue to keep the situation under close review. We remain ready to help in any way open to us to promote the search for a settlement. The Middle East dispute will certainly be discussed by my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary during his forthcoming visit.

BRITISH POSITION ON THE ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE

4. We want a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. We are ready to do all in our power to help bring about such a settlement. We believe that any settlement must be in accordance with the terms of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967. Our views about how these terms might be applied remain as my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary set them out in the speech he made at Harrogate on the 31st of October 1970, a copy of which is in the Library of the House. There has been no change in our position or attitude towards the dispute.

GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

5. It seems sufficiently clear already that Israel would not regard any offer of outside guarantees as a sufficient pre-condition in itself for effecting the withdrawals envisaged by Security Council Resolution 242.

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THE BRITISH POSITION ON THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT

6. Our attitude towards an Interim Arrangement remains as set out by my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary at a Press Conference in Ankara on the 30th of April, 1971, when he said:

"Such an arrangement could help to reduce tension and go some way towards breaking the present deadlock... but it must be a step towards a comprehensive settlement and not an end in itself."

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BACKGROUND NOTE

1. Mr William Hamilton does not generally take an interest in Middle Eastern affairs and is not known to be a supporter of either side in the Arab/Israel dispute.
2. His Question is very similar to the Question about the possibility of a visit to Israel by the Prime Minister which Sir Gilbert Longden asked (and the Prime Minister answered) on 10 February. Mr Hamilton, like Sir Gilbert Longden, presumably intends to probe HMG's intentions and attitudes towards a Middle East settlement. Self-explanatory notes for Supplementaries on our general attitude to the Middle East situation are therefore attached.
3. It is now public knowledge that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Lady Douglas-Home will be visiting Israel as guests of the Israel Government between 21 March and 24 March.
4. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's visit to Israel will complement the official visit which he and Lady Douglas-Home made to the Arab Republic of Egypt as the guests of the Egyptian Government between 12 and 15 September 1971.
5. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has no plans at present to visit other countries in the Middle East.

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REFERENCES

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NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

1. Other visits to countries in the Middle East

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2. The balance of visits by Ministers to the Middle East

There has been no bias in favour either of Israel or of the Arab States. My right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, visited the Arab Republic of Egypt from the 12th of September to the 15th of September 1971.

3. Possible British initiative in the Middle East dispute

We continue to keep the situation under close review. We remain ready to help in any way open to us to promote the search for a settlement. The Middle East dispute will certainly be discussed by my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary during his forthcoming visit.

4. British position on the Arab/Israel dispute

We want a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. We are ready to do all in our power to help bring about such a settlement. We believe that any settlement must be in accordance with the terms of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967. Our views

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5. Guarantees for Israel

It seems sufficiently clear already that Israel would not regard any offer of outside guarantees as a sufficient pre-condition in itself for effecting the withdrawals envisaged by Security Council Resolution 242.

6. The British position on the interim arrangement

Our attitude towards an Interim Arrangement remains as set out by my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary at a Press Conference in Ankara on the 30th of April 1971, when he said:

"Such an arrangement could help to reduce tension and go some way towards breaking the present deadlock ... but it must be a step towards a comprehensive settlement and not an end in itself".

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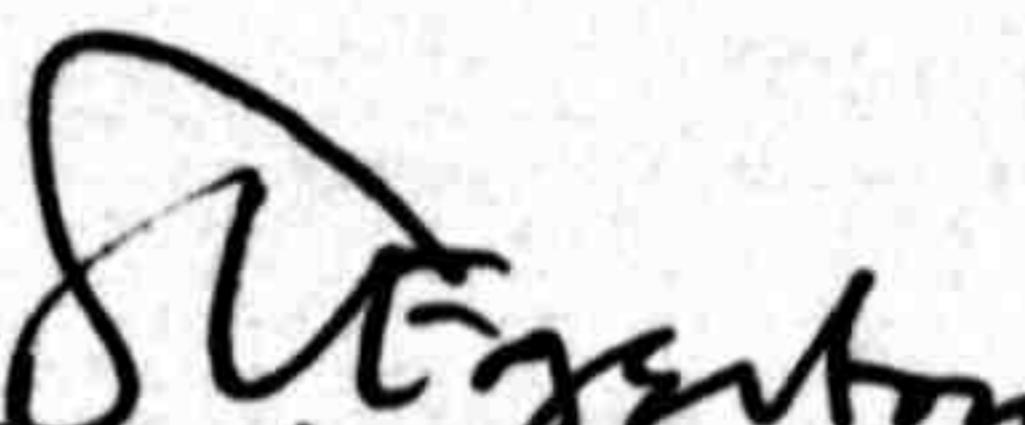
VISIT TO ISRAEL BY THE PRIME MINISTER : PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
BY MR WILLIAM HAMILTON

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2. Mr Hamilton's Question is very similar to the Question about the possibility of a visit to Israel by the Prime Minister which Sir Gilbert Longden asked (and the Prime Minister answered) on 10 February.

3. Mr Hamilton, like Sir Gilbert Longden, presumably has it in mind to probe HMG's intentions towards a Middle East settlement generally. It would therefore, I think, be prudent to include notes for supplementaries (as we did in Sir Gilbert Longden's case) on our general attitude to the Middle East situation, as well as notes on the Secretary of State's plans to visit Israel between 21 and 24 March.

4. I submit a draft Reply, together with draft Replies to possible Supplementaries, and a self-explanatory background note.


S L Egerton
Near Eastern Department

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO TEL AVIV
21-24 MARCH

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I attach a copy of a letter from John Barnes about administrative arrangements (and of my letter to Peter Fester to which it replies) on which I should be grateful for guidance in general and for answers to the points raised in the following paragraphs in particular:

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4. TA shall take the recent.
7. & 8. (Non-stop Comet flight takes 6 hours in either direction - a refuelling stop would probably be necessary should the present number of passengers be increased. Travelling BEA, we had been planning on a 19.10 arrival and an 09.25 departure.)
- 11B By 21 March, London time will be
GMT + 1.)
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14. (I assume you would prefer the Residence.)
17. (If you agree, we would suggest that the telephonist remains on duty until, say, 9 or 10 pm, and that the Chancery Guard then takes over.)
19. (We have not seen this letter.)
26. (John Leahy is also being asked to comment on this.)
27. (We have not seen a copy of this letter & do not know what was proposed.)

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Conference Section
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

TEL AVIV.
February 16th, 1972

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Dear Nancy,

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Thank you for your letter of February 11th to Peter Foster about the Secretary of State's visit next month.

2. The first general point to make is that my house is about eight to sixteen minutes drive from the Chancery, depending on the traffic. There is no hotel near our house, but plenty near the Chancery. Nevertheless, as you will see, I think we can cope.

COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

3. I assume that Hudson will attend the meetings and that he should, if possible, be included in entertainment where possible, but not in preference to Tony Parsons or Johnny Graham.

4. If there is no member of Near Eastern Department, I imagine you will want us to take the records. If so, we can manage.

5. Am I right in thinking you are not sending a Conference officer?

6. For a twenty-four hour cypher watch, we shall need four operators. Our impression is that Montgomery cannot be counted as a working operator at his level of life and that he is not fully in practice for working our equipment by himself. We should therefore like one other operator as well as Gamble, if possible familiar with Alvis Piccolo. We should also like the two operators, or at any rate one of them, to arrive a day or two before the main party. Otherwise it will not be possible to leave them to operate alone for the first part of the visit and our own operators will still have to carry much of the load.

TRAVEL

7. I am glad to hear that the party are coming in their own aircraft. I hope they can be here by 6 p.m.

Miss Nancy Orpe, M.V.O., M.B.E.

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as the Foreign Minister and others who will be meeting them may have evening engagements in Jerusalem.

8. I should also like to know departure time on the Friday as soon as possible.

9. I hope that the Secretary of State will still be prepared to meet the press at the airport on arrival.

10. Will the aircraft and its crew stay here? If so, we must make arrangements and book rooms, or will they stage in Cyprus during the visit?

ACCOMMODATION

11. We are looking forward to having the Secretary of State and Lady Home with the Private Secretary and one detective to stay in our house.

12. The Foreign Ministry have booked rooms for the rest of the party, with a suite for John Leahy, at the Sheraton Hotel. This is close to the Chancery and thus not too far from my house. The Israelis will meet all the costs.

13. We have booked separately for Montgomery, Gamble and provisionally one other CBO at the Yarden Hotel, which is also quite near to the Chancery.

PRIVATE OFFICE

14. We can put the Private Office into a room normally used as a bedroom in my house. There is a bathroom next door. As you know, it is not a big house and we cannot spare more than one room. This also adds to the problems of security and conveying papers, which will have to be taken back to the Chancery overnight. But we can manage this. The alternative is to set up the Private Office in the Chancery, where it could be more on top of its communications and strong rooms. But I imagine that the Private Secretaries would much prefer to have it in the house, if possible, and I think this is the right answer.

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT

15. We can supply manual typewriters and a photocopying machine, as well as normal stationery and so on. If you want electric typewriters, please let us know as we shall have to hire.

COMMUNICATIONS

16. I have already dealt with the operators needed for a twenty-four hour watch.

17. If absolutely necessary, we can arrange a rota of separate telephonists to man the Chancery switchboard on a twenty-four hour basis. But normally at night here we rely on the Chancery guard who could take incoming calls and, if necessary, switch them through to the house. There is an extension from the Chancery to the house which we shall rewire for the period of the visit to a Plan-7 in the Private Office which can be switched through to the Private Secretary at night. Will you please let us know if you think this arrangement will do or if you expect so much traffic at night that we should have separate girls on as switchboard operators for twenty-four hours?

18. The house also has its own number on the public telephone exchange and there is an extension by my bed, as well as in two living rooms. There is no extension at present in the Secretary of State's room.

SECURITY

19. We can arrange for the Private Office papers to be taken back to the Chancery at night and returned early next morning. We can, if necessary, provide a Chancery guard at the Private Office to cover meal times. But I wonder if the typists could not stagger meal times or we might even provide trays in the office. I wonder too if the second detective could help. I am not quite sure how the two detectives are expected to operate. On this please see my letter of February 7th to Johnny Graham.

20. We can manage a regular safe-hand service during the day and on call at night. It will be for the CBO on duty to decide whether to wake the Private Secretary

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at night. Will the boxes and keys come in the aircraft or separately in advance?

21. We do not need extra DTMS.

TRANSPORT

22. The Foreign Ministry are arranging transport and we can supply the balance from our own resources without need to hire except for the baggage wagon on arrival and departure. This will cost about £50.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

23. As always, the weather will be neither hot nor cold, warm by day and cool by night. Clothes for a fine English spring will be appropriate, with rain-coats. White ties are never worn in Israel, and I think black ties are unlikely to be needed but will confirm. Long dresses for the dinners.

ENTERTAINMENT

24. We can supply cigarettes and drinks for the journalists.

25. I should be grateful for the invitation cards as soon as possible. I doubt if we shall want any more money.

NEWSPAPERS

26. The Times, Guardian, Financial Times and Express are regularly available here. They are normally delivered at the Chancery early in the morning of the day after publication. It may be possible to arrange to have them late the day before, i.e. on the actual day of publication and we are looking into this. If not, you may like to consider making special arrangements from your end, e.g. by hand of pilot. Special arrangements will in any case be needed for the Scotsman which is not normally available here.

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27. I wrote to Johnny Graham about this on February

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8th and have nothing more to add.

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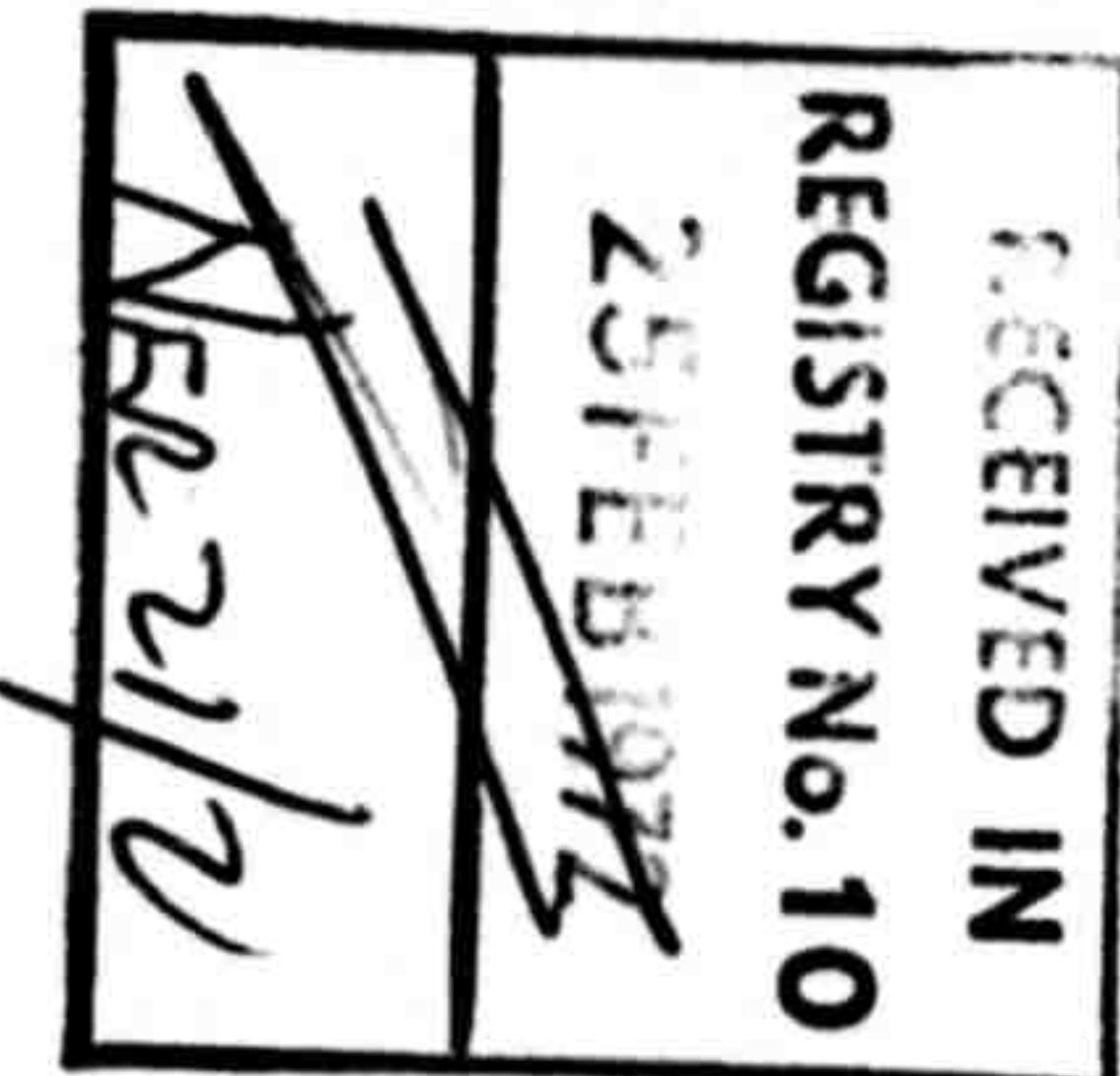
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28. We shall of course provide full details of useful addresses and telephone numbers to the party on arrival with their programmes, invitation cards, subsistence and other needs.

Ernest W. Barnes
E. J. W. Barnes
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
TEL AVIV.

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February 21st, 1972

Dear Richard,

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I am working on the list of guests for the cocktail party which we shall give during the Secretary of State's visit.

I shall not bother you with the full list, unless you particularly want to see it. Many of the names would mean little in London without elaborate descriptions.

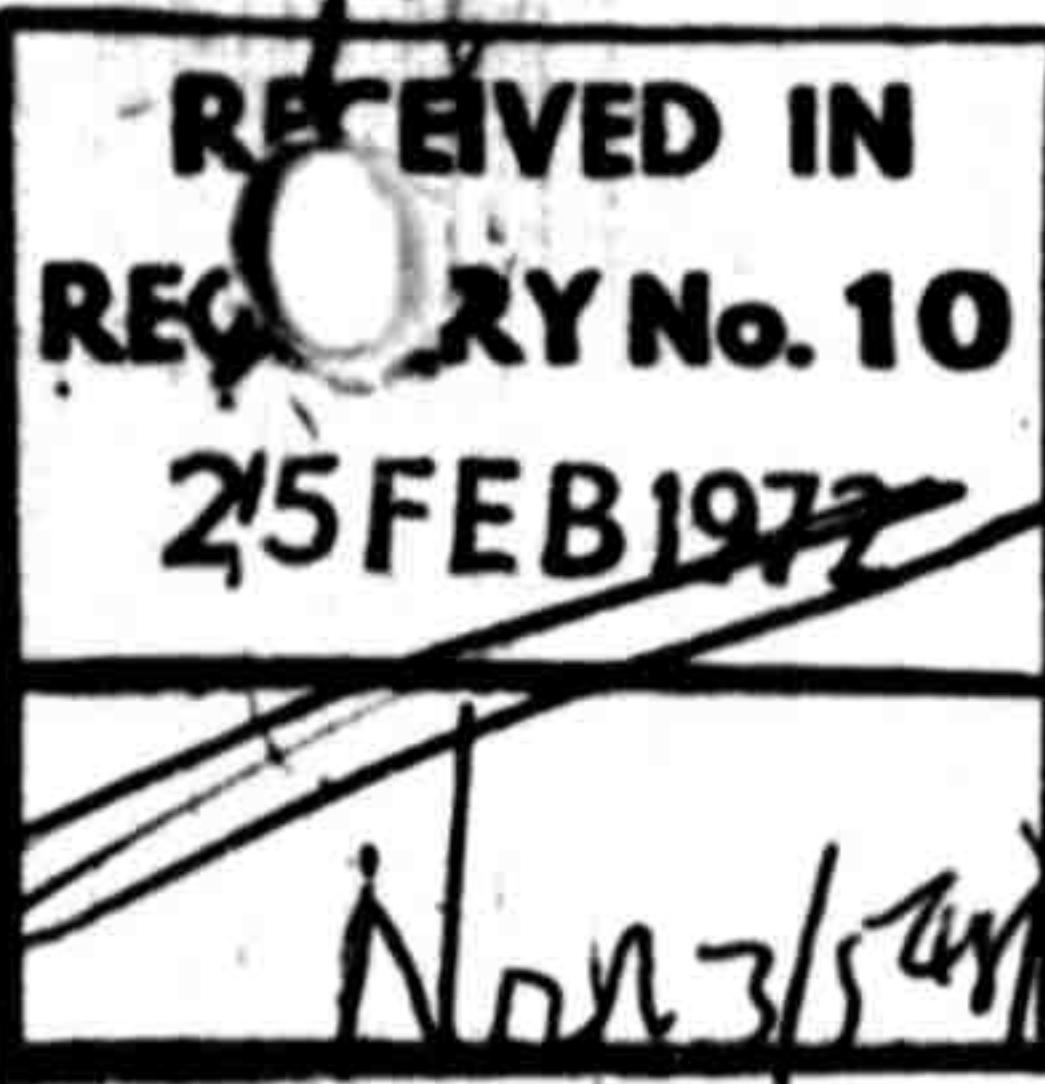
But I should be grateful for advice about Menahem Begin. Normally one would invite the leader of the second largest party in the state and de facto leader of the opposition. I think his omission might also be criticized here if it came to notice. But he is such a controversial figure, particularly in England, that I should like to know whether the Secretary of State would see any objection to him being invited.

We are planning to ask about three hundred people in the hope that not more than about two hundred will accept.

Yours etc
John Barnes
(E.J.W. Barnes)

Richard Evans, Esq.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO TEL AVIV
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1. You will recall that it was agreed that the Embassy communications staff should be reinforced by two CBOs to enable a 24-hour cypher service to be maintained during the visit and that arrangements were therefore made for Montgomery (Nicosia) and Gamble (UK) to be included in the party. (Copy of Mr Parker's minute of 26 January attached.)

2. In a letter from the Ambassador to Conference Section of 16 February we have now been asked to provide a third operator: the relevant paragraph of the letter is as follows:

"For a twenty-four hour cypher watch, we shall need four operators. Our impression is that Montgomery cannot be counted as a working operator at his level of life and that he is not fully in practice for working our equipment by himself. We should therefore like one other operator as well as Gamble, if possible familiar with Alvis Piccolo. We should also like the two operators, or at any rate one of them, to arrive a day or two before the main party. Otherwise it will not be possible to leave them to operate alone for the first part of the visit and our own operators will still have to carry much of the load."

3. At first sight, this seems perhaps rather excessive for such a short visit but we should be grateful for your views and also to know whether it is correct that Montgomery would probably not be able to operate the equipment on his own. In the interests of economy we had been hoping that he would be able to go if Tel Aviv required somebody in advance, so leaving Gamble to travel with the rest of the party on the charter Comet.

N Orpe (Miss)
Conference Section
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